

BUCHANAN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

February 24, 2026

6:30 PM

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People Present:

- Jillian Gilmour - Chair
- Nasie Makos – Casino Chair
- Sara Keane – Treasurer
- Robin Phillips, Principal
- Denae Henry
- Rachael Lee
- KaYee Wong
- Terry

People Absent:

- Anna Cruz – Alternate Treasurer
- Salwa Amche, Vice Principal

Meeting called to order: 6:37 p.m.

Approval of the minutes from last meeting:

- Nasie moved to approved, seconded by Denae, all in favour.

Chair Report: Jillian Gilmour

Important notices regarding Student Council:

- If you would like to volunteer with the school in general, please obtain a volunteer letter from Dan at the front office. Once the police check is complete, school council will reimburse the \$15 cost -just email buchananparentsassociation@gmail.com.
- Open Positions:
 - Chair 2026/2027 Year
 - Secretary
 - Fundraiser Coordinator
 - Marketing
 - Members at Large!

Fundraising and Events:

- Winter Extravaganza
 - Event was very well received with the learning celebration, book fair and dance.
 - Kids had fun with the photo booth, colouring and crafts.
 - Gave the DJ prizes and candy bracelets/glowsticks to throw during the evening.
 - Due to warm weather hot chocolate sales were shut down early, but the hot chocolate purchased (two unopened with 2027 expiry) can be used for a future event(s)
 - HUGE shoutout to our wonderful volunteers who helped set up, supervise and tear down: Sara Bergson, Nasie Makos, KaYee Wong, Hoai Dang, Karen Gilmour, Miranda Diakiw, Barrey and Lorie Learning, Rachael Lee, Anna Cruz, Kayla Tracanelli, Kirandeep Kaur Bal and the amazing Buchanan teachers who stayed throughout!

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- Ice cream cups were sold for January fun snack.
 - Made \$130 in profit.
- February we are running kindness grams for pink shirt day \$1/each.
 - School council will be making a bag for each student (no profits made)
- March Fun Snack will be Texas Donuts from Glamorgan \$5/each.
 - Hoping to have stronger sales this time without the strike disruption
 - I will be buying smaller donuts alongside the orders for any left-out kiddos and potentially gluten free as well.
- April
 - Would like to run a bottle drive for year end activities.
 - Can start marketing to save bottles next month.
 - Sell concessions or something else at the spring concerts.
- Upcoming Ideas
 - Potential to sell coupon book or cookbook.
 - Need to think of activities to do with parents.
 - Reached out to a women named Carmen Moore who does parent/student presentations.

Treasurer's Report: Sara Keane

- Operating Account: \$3,155.78
- Casino Account: \$41,448.39 – Next Casino Scheduled for Sep-Dec 2026

School Report: Robin Phillips

- Please read the weekly email newsletters, follow the school, and school council pages on Instagram.
 - @buchanan_school and @buchanantgether1
- School Planning:
 - Share information about school planning and gather feedback to consider school planning for the next school year.
 - School development plan guides ongoing assessment and review of goals and actions.
 - Driver for closing learning gaps and informs:
 - Instructional strategies
 - Professional learning
 - School structures and processes for learning
 - Data-informed decision making
 - Main goal is students' achievement in literacy will improve (target on writing)
 - Culturally relevant and responsive pedagogy
 - Outcome measures:
 - CBE and Assurance Survey
 - PAT Writing Data and writing stems.
 - Report card data.
 - Writing EAL LP levels
 - Indigenous and SPED data sets

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- Monitoring Progress:
 - Student Perception Data
 - Words their way
 - Teacher Perception Data
 - Equity continuum -centre for urban schooling (teacher/classroom/school self-assessments)
 - PLC Common Writing Assessments
- Report cards came out today and can be reviewed.
- School Budget:
 - Our school received 1,984,394 in 2025-2026 to provide quality education to our students and meet the goals in our school development plan (SDP)
 - Seventy-five percent of budgeted funds covers staffing and remaining portion covers instructional and operational supplies.
 - 2025-2026 School fees:
 - Field trips
 - In-school activities
 - Artist in residence
 - Sports in residence

Upcoming Key Dates:

February 24th – Report Cards

February 25th – Pink Shirt Day and “Be Yourself” Assembly

February 26th – Subway fun lunch

March 2nd – Muralist Nathan Meguinis Artist Talk

March 3rd – Grade 2/3 Field Trip to Story Book Theatre

March 9th – University of Calgary mentors visit Grade 4

March 18th – Texas Donuts Fun Snack

March 19th – McDonalds Fun Lunch

March 19th – School Conferences 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

March 20th – NO SCHOOL (School conferences 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

March 23rd -27th – NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK

March 30th – April 2 – Whole School Quest Theatre Residency

April 7th – Spring Pictures/Class Photos

Adjourned Meeting: 7:10 p.m.

All meetings will be held in person in the library at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming meetings:

- **17-Mar-2026**
- **21-Apr-2026**

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- **19-May-2026**
- **09-Jun-2026 – AGM**