

## BUCHANAN SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

November 18, 2025

6:30 PM

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### People Present:

- Jillian Gilmour - Chair
- Nasie Makos – Casino Chair
- Sara Keane – Treasurer
- Robin Phillips, Principal
- Salwa Amche, Vice Principal
- Denae Henry
- Asghar Yousaf
- Kayee Wong

### People Absent:

- Anna Cruz – Alternate Treasurer

**Meeting called to order:** 6:40 p.m.

### Approval of the minutes from last meeting:

- Nasie moved to approved, seconded by Sara, 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.
- Open Positions:
  - Secretary
  - Fundraiser Coordinator
  - Fun Snack Distributor(s)
  - Members at Large!

### Fundraising and Events:

- First fun snack will be Texas Donuts November 19th
  - Postponed due to the strike
  - We were able to raise \$248 in profits
- Purdy's fundraiser is in full effect.
  - For every order placed the student will get a ballot towards the classroom winning a hot chocolate party. Family/order with more than one student associated will be able to get an entry for each child.
  - We surpassed the \$1200 mark which means we will make 25% from all sales.
  - We are already at \$1571.89 in sales which means \$392.97 in profit
- Donations
  - Found \$290 in donations amongst old files that has now been deposited
- Halloween Dance
  - Cancelled due to the strike
  - Deposit has been paid for DJ and photobooth

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- Winter dance in 2026 has been scheduled for February 5th
- Looking for our first fun snack volunteer to run December's fun snack
  - Jill is happy to train and support if you would like to try your hand at running a chip fun snack

### Treasurer's Report: Sara Keane

- Operating Account: \$2,173.46
- Casino Account: \$46,867.31 – Next Casino Scheduled for Sep-Dec 2026
  - Activities for the 2025/2026 school year sponsored by these funds:
    - Fitset Ninja (\$2000)
    - 4,5,6 will go to confluence (bussing)
    - Alien in-line skating (one week)
    - Story book theatre residency
    - Swimming lessons

### School Report: Robin Phillips

- Please read the weekly email newsletters and follow the school and school council pages on Instagram
  - @buchanan\_school and @buchanan\_together1
- Achievement in literacy remains the goal for this portion of the year
- The school improvement results will be sent in a weekly newsletter once public
- Holistic lifelong framework (medicine wheel) has been used for reconciliation and learning and growing
- Every student drew a flower at the beginning of the year
- Surprise visit from PADS dogs (support people in crisis)
- Encouraging creativity is key and we are working with the children on murals
- \$12,000 grant was received last year, and murals will be put on the chain link fence on centre street
- Anita Crowshoe came this week for smudging teachings

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**Upcoming Key Dates:**

November 19- Texas Donut Fun Snack

November 13, 20, 27- Calgary Arts Development Artist in Residence (Grade 4, 5 & 6)

November 25: Kindergarten to Grade 2- Dental Program

November 27- Parent Teacher Conferences 4:30-7:00 p.m.

November 28- Parent Teacher Conferences 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

December 15-19- School wide ice skating at Highland Park rink

**Adjourned Meeting: 7:10 p.m.**

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

**Upcoming meetings:**

- **NO MEETING IN DECEMBER – have a wonderful break!**
- **20-Jan-2026**
- **17-Feb-2026**
- **17-Mar-2026**
- **21-Apr-2026**
- **19-May-2026**
- **09-Jun-2026 – AGM**