

BUCPS Meeting
Monday, September 25, 2025
ONLINE Zoom
Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

Slavko Nohas	Peter Rachmistruk	Clayton Starko
Andrea Chmilar	Dustin Maloney	Pierre Oimet
Christin Hyshka	Kelsey Whattam	Talia Koziak
Oleksandr Pravdyvi		

Proceedings

- Slavko Nohas called the meeting to order at 8:18pm, following BUCPS AGM.

Amendments and Approval of the Agenda

- Motion: Andrea Chmilar moved the agenda be accepted. Talia Koziak seconds. All in favour. Motion carried.

Amendments and Approval of BUCPS Meeting Minutes (April 11, 2023)

- Minutes from the previous BUCPS meeting held April 11, 2023 were circulated via email prior to the meeting for review.
 - Motion: Andrea Chmilar moved the meeting minutes be accepted as is. Seconded by Christin Hyshka. All in favour. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports

- St. Nichola – Peter Rachmistruk provided update
 - Number of Ukrainian students per class as follows:
 - Kindergarten: 26
 - Grade 1: 18
 - Grade 2: 19
 - Grade 3: 19
 - Grade 4: 31
 - 30 New comers from Ukrainian now attend St. Nicholas.
 - October 13 – students will attend Divine Liturgy at St. Basils.

- St. Theresa – Pierre Oimet and Natalia Kostiuk provided update
 - Number of Ukrainian students per grade as follows:
 - Grade 5: 21
 - Grade 6: 25
 - Grade 7: 23
 - Grade : 16
 - September 7 – celebrated Ukrainian Canadian Heritage Day
 - September 29 – will attend Viter Dancers and Folklore Performance at Dow.
 - October 13 – students will lead the Divine Liturgy mass as they know all the songs.
 - Natalia Kostiuk stated they have a potential Bandura instructor (Oksana) and inquired if BUCPS would help fund the maintenance for the instruments while parents paid fees for instruction.
 - BUCPS requested Natalia compose an email of requests and will be discussed.
 - Pierre feels that the new school year is going well and can feel the richness of culture and can easily see the added value the Ukrainian program brings to the school and community.

- Archbishop Jordan - Dustin Maloney provided update
 - Dustin Maloney is new to Ukrainian administration role at ABJ, however is not new to school.
 - Dustn Maloney similar feelings towards the program as Pierre.
 - September 7 – celebrated Ukrainian Canadian Heritage with song, prayer and raising the flag.
 - October 13 – students also attending liturgy at St. Basils.
 - Number of Ukrainian students per grade as follows:
 - Grade 9: 14
 - Grade 10: 5
 - Grade 11: 10
 - Grade12: 3
 - Grades 9 & 10 are taking Ukrainian this semester.
 - Grades 11 & 12 are taking Ukrainian next semester.

Treasurer Report – Andrea Chmilar reported

General Account: \$6562.65 (Previous: \$6473.31)

Casino Account: \$12,417.62 (Previous: \$13,161.74)

Sadochok Account: \$7958.46 (Previous: \$4744.54)

AGLC

- Submitted our Gaming Report and all gaming expenses for the last year were approved

50/50

- 50/50 Draw took place on June 26 - Winner was Marlene Krokosh
- Total Ticket Sales: \$3260
- Winner Proceed: (\$1630)
- Fees: (344.38)
- Net Sales: \$1285.62

Vegreville 50th Pysanka Festival

- Thank you to all of our workers to helped to sell tickets at the 2 Grandstand shows at the Vegreville Pysanka Festival
- Ken and Michelle Stelmach, Ferdycz Family, Starko Family, Stephanie Ternovatsky, Andrew and Crystal Wujcik, Lesia and Orest Pohoreski, Kowalchyk Family - sorry if I missed anyone we had plenty of volunteer helpers
- We received a cheque from Vegreville Pysanka Festival for \$1214.82.

Sadochok

- Pani Sombyk is teaching this next year
- We have 4 students
- We have signed on to the Affordability Grant and Wage Top up Grant for the rest of 2023
- Program will continue into 2024 with a new grant agreement
- Andrea Chmilar moves Sadochok reimburse BUCPS \$1049.25, which is 75% of insurance fee for 2022-2023 year. Christin Hyshka seconds. All in favour. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Chmilar

Insurance

- I have been in contact with EICS regarding jumping on to their insurance policy, however the quote came back higher than what we are currently paying.
- Therefore my recommendation is to stay with cooperators insurance

Coordinator

- Position is still vacant
- Pasta Night was a success last year, so will be doing again this year in hopes of similar outcome.
 - Utilize St. Sophia hall, Amanda Ferdycz will cater
 - Discussion on how to entice more attendees or raise more funds was discussed.
Andrea Chmilar proposed a pumpkin raffle and will head that aspect.
- May collaborate with Confetti Sweets again this year; TBD.
- Need to start thinking about Christmas Carolers/routes earlier this year.

New Business

- Kindergarten Dolls
 - Paula Harasniw and Stephanie Ternovatsky are heading project
 - New administration to the program and will need to include their dolls
 - St. Theresa: Michelle Gau
 - Archbishop Jordan: Dustin Maloney
 - St. Nicholas: Jayleen Renneberg
 - It was discussed if additional dolls should be made for new comers entering the program post kindergarten. It was decided that as a society we do not have the funds nor resources to create an excessive amount of dolls and we will stay within the parameters of providing/making dolls strictly for those students who are in kindergarten.
- St. Nicholas
 - Need to assess if BUCPS has enough ornaments and candies for his visit.
 - This year, coordinate families via email to assemble bags ahead of time.
 - Also need to check with Professor Hornyatkevyc if he is able to assist again this year.
- 4-8-12 Celebration
 - Planning Coordinator should be assigned and process should get started.
 - It was suggested to have ceremony at St. Sophia and use their hall afterwards however Andrea Chmilar noted the facility is probably too small to accommodate the class size and attendees this year.
- FOIP

- Kelsey Whattam brought concerns surrounding not being able to obtain family signatures despite email requests being sent when it comes to picture release of students for the program.
- This discussion will be tabled for next meeting.

Next Meeting

To be determined.

Adjournment

- Motion: Slavko Nohas moved meeting adjournment at 9:05pm. Seconded by Andre Chmilar. All in favour. Carried.
- Meeting minutes recorded by Kelsey Whattam.