

BUCPS Meeting  
Wednesday, November 27, 2024  
ZOOM & in person at OLPH Parish

**In Attendance**

Andrea Chmilar	Joe Kucy	Erin Dziwenko
Kelsey Whattam	Pierre Ouimet	Tara Malko
Laurie Leeder	Dustin Maloney	Paula Harasymiw

**Proceedings**

- Andrea Chmilar called the meeting to order at 7:31pm and led prayer

**Amendments & Approval of Agenda**

- Add Feast of Jordan, 4/8/12 celebration, UCC 50th Anniversary Conference, UBLA update
- **MOTION:** Joe Kucy motions to amend agenda. Kelsey Whattam seconds. All in favour. Carried

**Amendments to Minutes of meeting**

- Erin Dziwenko notes 12 kids in kindergarten this year
- Paula Harasymiw notes correct spelling of Harasymiw
- **MOTION:** Erin Dziwenko motions to accept minutes with amendments. Joe Kucy seconds. All in favour Carried

**Old Business**

- Gerdan Show: Great success. Thanks to UBLA for funding and BUCPS arranging transportation for St. Theresa students to attend.
- Bandura at St Theresa (next meeting)
- St Nicholas Visit:
  - Date: Friday Dec 6, 2024
  - Gifts: ornaments have been sourced and bags are being completed by executive after meeting
  - Stephanie Nahnybida will drive Святий Миколай to the three schools
- Projects proposed for each school & Ukrainian resource requests
  - St. Theresa: Feast of Jordan
- FOIP: EICS policy changed over the summer and parent councils are no longer covered.
  - Dustin to check if BUCPS can be added to ABJ newsletter so BUCPS can share any program highlights.
  - Paula Harasymiw to follow-up with EICS to see if teachers can send photos directly to BUCPS that meet FOIP for BUCPS to share.
- Kindergarten Dolls:

- new administrators
  - St Nicholas: Joe Kucy, Jacquelin Comartin
  - St Theresa: ? Shauna Lindbeck -Vice Principal
  - ABJ: none

### **Administrative Reports**

#### St Nicholas - Joe Kucy

- Gredan performance: greatly enjoyed
- Working on expanding preschool - Mr. Kucy to share google form and updates with Andrea Chmilar
- Tara Malko added that the Ukrainian classes honoured Holdomor in classrooms

#### St Theresa - Pierre Ouimet

- The Ukrainian program at St. Theresa attended the Gerdan performance at St. Nicholas school. Thank you to BUCPS for arranging the transportation. This was a great show!
- On Friday November 22, the Ukrainian program led the whole school assembly for a Holodomor commemoration. Our grade 8 class is to be commended for taking the lead on this assembly.
- Grade 5 student Solomiia Struk won the Lesia Ukrainka Art Contest, hosted by Alberta Education. She received her award yesterday.
- Classes have begun caroling, combining grade levels to learn new Ukr carols and traditional greetings , as well as review carols taught in past years. We are planning to take the program caroling Friday December 19th ( in the afternoon ) . Locations are still being determined. At this point we are asking if BUCPS could consider picking up the bus costs for this event.
- On Monday January 6 the students from St. Nicholas and St. Theresa Ukrainian programs will participate in a Feast of Jordan - Theophany at St. Sophia's church . Father Rendy , Father John and Father Slavko will be joining us . An invitation has been extended to Bishop David as well. We are asking BUCPS to cover the cost of the bottles, as well as bussing for the students from both schools . St. Theresa will extend an invitation to CLS to join us. Lesia Pohoreski will connect with Oksana Cokan in regards to the music and intentions. We will need information to go out to both schools before Christmas break.

#### ABJ - Dustin Maloney

- I am pleased to say that **Anhelina Dudarska**, a Grade 12 student at ABJ, has been selected as the Winner of the Lesia Ukrainka Art Contest. A special recognition event for the contest's top selected students took place at the Wales Room of Queen Elizabeth II Building in Edmonton on November 26, 2024, where Anhelina was awarded with a prize package and a framed copy of her artwork.
- Our Annual 2024 ABJ Holodomor Prayer Service (Панахида - Panakhyda) will take place at 9-9:30 AM on Friday, November 29, 2024 at the ABJ Chapel. Bishop David, Father Slavko and Father Rendy will lead us. Every year this is a highly anticipated

event among our students and staff. As of right now, the following have indicated they will be in attendance tomorrow for the prayer service:

- Superintendent Paul Corrigan
- Assistant Superintendent Brett Cox
- Michael Hayden
- Trustee Jean Boisvert
- Trustee Teresa Makowecki

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Report submitted by Laurie Leeder

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General Account: \$12,007.56 (previous \$8,309.56)

Casino Account: \$28,371.99 (previous \$8,479.66)

Sadochok Account: \$5962.97 (previous \$7,041.47)

#### Casino

\$20,503.15 from our September Casino was deposited on Nov 18

1 cheque for \$610.82 was cashed for St T's transportation costs (carolling and field trip to St John's)

#### General

1 cheque written for the Ornaments \$700

Deposits of \$3424.50 for the Christmas fundraisers

Deposit of \$1078.50 which is reimbursement from sadochok for their part of insurance

Sadochok

- 1 cheque written to repay Sadochok portion of insurance \$1078.50

We need to coordinate the changing of signing authority as it has not been done yet.

### **Coordinator Report**

- Christmas Fundraiser: Salisbury poinsettia and Confetti Sweets cookies
  - Sales closed at noon November 27 - total of 45 Orders

### **New Business**

- UCC AB 50th anniversary
  - Andrea Chmilar attended the UCC\_APC 50th Anniversary Conference and was a panel speaker on Ukrainian Bilingual education in Alberta. The panel spoke about different successes and challenges that the Ukrainian Bilingual program is facing in Edmonton and area.
- 4/8/12 celebration
  - Shelley Borowski will be coordinator
  - Tentative plan is to have event at St. Nicholas
- UBLA
  - UBLA is wanting to focus on benefiting the schools by supporting more of the language arts

- even though receipts are given in order to receive the funds, UBLA wants to compare the amount of funds that are given for which experiences for each school
- UBLA is also wanting to hear from parents in regards to the future of the program. What are their hopes for the future and what are areas they want to see improvement on.
- there is a preliminary meeting December 2 where UBLA will discuss if there are enough topics to have a formal meeting in early spring. The info gathered will be used to present to Alberta Ed in hopes of a curriculum review
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### **Adjournment**

- Paula Harasymiw moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:37pm
- Kelsey Whattam second
- All in favour
- Carried