

BUCPS Meeting
Tuesday, April 1, 2025
ZOOM

In Attendance

Andrea Chmilar	Dustin Maloney	Oksana Cokan
Kelsey Whattam	Jaqueline Comartin	Shelly Borowski
Paula Harasymiw	Mike Miskiw	Lindsay Baugh
Brett Cox	Nicole Kinal	K. Zorniak
Joe Kucy	Erin Montgomery	Nina Hart
Pierre Ouimet	Erin Dziwenko	Shelly Tyrkalo

Proceedings

- Andrea Chmilar called the meeting to order at 6:31pm and led the opening prayer.

Amendments & Approval of Agenda

- **Amendments:** Add Pysanky Bingo, 45th Anniversary, Vyshvanky Day to new business.
 - Add Brett Cox to Administration Reports
- **Motion:** Shelly Tyrkalo motions to accept amendments. Mike Miskiw second. All in favour. Carried

Amendments to Minutes of Meeting

- **Amendments:** Correction of spelling of Joe Kucy and Katie Nestorowich.
- **MOTION:** Paula Harasymiw motions to accept minutes. Erin Dziwenko seconds. All in favour. Carried.

Old Business

- Bandura Storage at St. Theresa is in progress
- Kindergarten Dolls: Andrea Chmilar
 - Pani Mariana is receiving a doll
- 4/8/12 Celebration: Shelly Borowski
 - two meetings so far.
 - Event will be May 25 @ ABJ
 - Working on save the date and VIP list
 - Next meeting is April 16
 - Celebrants have not been confirmed

- UBLA Update: Kelsey Whattam
 - Looking for facilitator
 - Wanting to compile list of concerns from teachers and schools to ensure schools are meeting requirements in Ukrainian program

Administrative Reports

- Brett Cox, Assistant Superintendent:
 - Vertical sign ready for schools to use
 - Posters ready and will be distributed to schools
 - May 2nd PD day: K-8 Ukrainian teaches will gather in morning to work on scope and sequencing
 - Spoke with Iryna Jerace and she is very excited for the remainder of the school year
 - Mike Miskiw asked if EICS is able to advertise the Ukrainian bilingual program in NE Edmonton or Capillano area. Brett to look into it.
- St. Nicholas - Joe Kucy
 - Feb 27 - St. Theresa school visited our school to discuss their school and options
 - March 10 - Taras Shevchenko assembly in the gym led by Grade 4U class
 - April 7 - 17 - Pysanky writing
 - April 10 - Palm Sunday (Loza) Celebration for the whole school at St. Sophia's Catholic church for the whole school. Father Rendy and Father John will lead us in prayer. Special guests and prayers were invited to this special Easter celebration
 - Kindergarten enrollment: 15 Ukrainian and 12 English
 - Hurdle for preschool program is transportation. 4 year olds are currently not allowed on EICS bussing
 - Andrea Chmilar asked about potential for losing a teacher because of decreased enrollment. Mr. Kucy unable to answer until budget April 17
 - St. Nicholas school open house - will be on April 29, 2025 2-6 pm
 - School tours and open house format
 - BUCPS expressed interest in having a information table set up
- St. Theresa - Mike Miskiw & Pierre Ouimet
 - Planning Ukrainian stations of the cross with Pani Mariana Slavych - no date yet
 - Pysanky for grade 7 & 8 being led by Pani Slavych
 - Pysanky for grade 5 & 6 being organized still
 - Vyshvanky day field trip - more information to come
 - Iryna Jerace started full time March 31
 - Pani Slavych continuing to support
 - Andrea Chmilar advocating for information session in Ukrainian for grade 4 families
- ABJ - Dustin Maloney
 - Grade 9 & 10 participating in virtual exchange with Ukrianain students
 - Pysanky writing April 15-17

- April 25: Grade 9-12 will have a field trip to U of A to learn about the Canadian Institute for Ukrainian Studies
- Vyshvanky Day/Ukrainian Day May 15

New Business

- Teacher Wish lists
 - St Nicholas:
 - Pysanky supplies purchased and approved reimbursement
 - Pussy Willows sourced - \$80 (cost to be split with PAC)
 - Each class will receive an arrangement
 - BUCPS approved Ukrainian transportation to St Sophia
 - May 15: Vyshvanky Day - still planning
 - No interest expressed by teachers for Ukrainian conference
 - Leftover field trip money from Ukrainian classes will be used for Ukrainian Village field trip and BUCPS will cover the remainder. Trip June 12
 - Kindergarten Graduation: June 19
 - St Theresa:
 - Reading resources approved and UBLA to pay for
 - ABJ:
 - Pysanky supplies purchased and approved reimbursement
 - Dustin Marloney shared that Vlodko Boychuk is requesting \$100 for Ukrainian treats and face painting for Vyshvanky Day May 15. Andrea asked for an email outlining request.
- Pysanky Bingo - April 6, 2025 2-4pm at St Nicholas
 - Planning well underway
- 45th Anniversary 2025/2026
 - 1 volunteer so far
 - Will work on recruiting volunteers after bingo

Adjournment

- Closing prayer and meeting adjourned at 7:35pm