

**Buffalo Rubbing Stone School Council Meeting**  
**General Meeting Minutes**

Date: May 27, 2025 Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Microsoft Teams (see the Buffalo Bulletin for the link)

1. Call to order at 6:07pm by Natalie Senoo.
2. Approve meeting agenda [Lisa Ha, Aliya Fatehullah]
  - motion carried
3. Approve minutes of April 8, 2025 [Lisa Ha, Jacky Lai]
  - motion carried
4. Teacher's report – Grade 3
  - Teachers Pet – STEM based presentation
  - Inline Skating update
  - Calgary Zoo field trip – green and gorgeous field trip
  - Math: Multiplication, Division, Algebra and Geometry (various strategies)
  - Literacy: deep comprehension, artistry of writing, presentation of work (book creator, journals, presentations, etc.)
  - Science: needs of animals and plants. Next will learn about energy.
  - Social Studies: Communities of the world – India, Ukraine, Peru, Tunisia
5. Administrators' report
  - Celebrations
    - Volunteer Appreciation Tea
    - completed 6th fire drill today May 27th
    - almost completed Provincial Testing for Grades 1 – 3 for students at risk.
    - field trips completed:
      - Grade 2 Heritage park
      - Grade 1 open mind Telus Park
      - Grade 3 Zoo
    - CNG Band performance
    - Thursday May 29th Kindergarten orientation
    - next year student numbers:
      - About 635 students, with 2 more rooms 100% utilization predicted - will still be closed enrollment i.e. only catchment area children
      - Same school hours
      - 4 classes Kindergarten of about 20 students each
      - 4 classes G1 of about 20 students each
      - 4 classes G2 of about 25 students each
      - 5 classes G3 of about 26 students each
      - 5 classes G4 of about 26 students each
      - 4 classes G5 of about 27 students each
  - Staffing Updates
  - Swimming Feedback
    - Pros: Close, easy to volunteer
    - Cons: Not enough change time
    - asking for feedback: felt like kids were just playing around in pool
      - child didn't learn anything
      - child didn't seem to be placed in correct swim level
    - Allison will speak with Vivo to balance 5 good quality lessons, when they usually have 10 in their regular program
    - will decide if we go back to Thornhill after discussing our school needs with Vivo

- Request for funds
  - invoice process to schools has changed. we are getting receipts from February. Will forward Requests for Funds as we receive receipts
- Important Dates
  - construction on modular expect to be completed mid July
  - planning to bring air conditioning to the south side modulars
  - Sports Day June 13th, will need many volunteers
  - June 24th, Grade 5 Farewell
  - June 26th last day of school, noon dismissal
  - busing to BRS is new in September
    - new eligibility area to take bus
    - bus map on school website. June 22nd for school deadline registration for September
    - if you register after, will not be allowed take bus until end of September at earliest or possibly October
    - fees Grade 1 - 5 about \$360
    - kindergarten - no mid day bus. morning or after school only about \$180
    - will impact morning traffic. bus fees are not charged until October so better to just register now and withdraw if needed

#### 6. System News

- COSC Update – Colin Lee
  - presentation is on their website
- School Councils Parent Engagement funds \$500
  - Panorama Hills school created promotions to get parents involved in the PA/SC
  - used Canava for QR codes on lawn signs and post cards
  - spent \$452
  - comment from Aliya: Anything to increase engagement. We need more volunteers for events, we have the same volunteers every time after emailing a list of about 60 people in Signup Genuis
  - *Motion to spend the funds for signage. [Lisa Ha, Aliya Fatehullah]*
    - *unanimous vote to spend the funds for signage to encourage parent involvement with the SC/PA (6/6)*
- Wood replacement for outdoor learning space
  - the real wood has started decay since it was installed 5-6 years ago
  - a grade 2 student sat down on a stump a few weeks ago and it collapsed. it is a problem now
  - still only have 2 quotes
  - \$40K or \$60K to replace all wood with synthetic wood stumps
  - consider scaling the project over time
  - **Question:** *is there a rush to replace or do we have time?* Answer as per Allison: both, no one was hurt but a 7-year-old did collapse it. There is a safety element involved now.  
Jill, "Is it possible to remove all the stumps one year and replace one section, and then replace another section the following year?"
  - *Motion to proceeds with replaced the wood and finding a vendor [Lisa Ha, Jenny Cheung]*
    - *majority voted to proceed with replacing the woods the stumps and finding a vendor ( 6/7 voted)*
- Letter to the Minister of Education
  - Valley Creek School council reach out to Ward 3 for support about symposium April 27th ASCA funding cut, how the education system is at a breaking point with a letter asking to restore funding and host virtual town hall to allow parents and teachers voices be heard around changes to education.
  - we supported this letter
- Other

7. Business from prior meetings, other business
8. 2025-2026 First meeting (In-person)
  - Thursday, September 25, 2025 @ 6pm
9. Adjournment at 7:05pm by Natalie Senoo.

Attendees

1. Aliya Fatehullah
2. Jacy Lai
3. Allison Bobenic
4. Jill Neufeld
5. Lisa Ha
6. Natalie Senoo
7. Michelle Petersen
8. Angela Giang
9. Angela Lee
10. Jenny Cheung