

Buffalo Rubbing Stone School Council Meeting
General Meeting Minutes
Date: March 5, 2026 at 6pm
Location: Online

1. Call to order at 6:03pm by Natalie Senoo
2. Approve General Agenda (Lisa, Jenny) – motion approved
3. Approve AGM minutes January (Donette, Lisa) – motion approved
4. Administrators' Report
 - Little Red Riding Hood – great response from kids – they were already asking if the production will be returning next year. Thanks to Parent Council for subsidizing this.
 - Culture/Community – started on February and continuing for 4 months – kids setting goals for themselves for the upcoming months:
 - March – kind
 - April – helpful
 - May – showing respect
 - June – having courage
 - Family Literacy Day – dressing up as characters from a book; librarian rejuvenated the library space
 - February 26th – celebrated Pink Shirt Day which was about sprinkling kindness everywhere and teaching students to be “up-standers” not as “by-standers”
 - Report cards will be accessible online beginning February 24th
 - Update on surveys:
 - Childcare assurance surveys extended to March 13th to be done by Grade 4 parents
 - Grade 5 CBE student surveys – more comprehensive
 - K to Grade 3 – early years assessments
Intended to be diagnostic assessments, not connected to curriculum/not documented on report cards
Allows teachers to identify student gaps
In the past, results weren't shared to parents – this year the AB government would like parents to know results, which will be shared through parent-teacher conferences being held this month
Will be shared in-person only as there will be some explanations of results/tasks items from the assessments
 - Parent-teacher conferences being held this month
 - Kindergarten new registrations:
Low numbers registered for this fall as of now (52 registered)
Currently accepting those within our BRS catchment
Encouraging parents to spread the word to remind those to register especially newer families
 - Swimming update:
Confirmed to be held at Vivo for grade 1 to 5 part of PhyEd program
Looking for parent volunteers
Schedule went out last week
Still waiting on some forms – office is directly reaching out to those not yet returned forms
Swim fee costs higher this year(\$50/student for 5 lessons)
 - Complexity/Class sizes
Government funding to be received
BRS is average range – 21 to 25 per class classified as Division 1; 25 to 30 classified as Division 2 which describes our current Grades 4 and 5 classroom range
Very diverse student population – average 9 students per class within CBE schools – at BRS we have 10 to 15 or higher per class
Lots of brand new English speaking students at BRS
Government has identified 118 schools in November 2025 needing extra support – Allison not sure where BRS ranks on their list

If BRS do receive extra monetary support, Alison will have a plan and will share new information once she receives any update

- Total current BRS enrollment 624 (school currently funded for 604)
- Budget information

School planning presentation 2026 shared – school development plan

School budget and school fees

CBE only covers school experiences/athletics/guests invited)

BRS budget funds received yearly covers staffing and the remaining covers instructional and operational supplies

More information linked on CBE BRS school website

5. COSC update

- no one were able to attend the January 21, 2026 meeting
- Looking for someone to attend the next meeting being held in April

6. School Council Parent Engagement cards

- Completed and will plan to have the cards posted by Kindergarten orientation time
- Engagement Fund
- Received \$500
- Needing ideas to spend on that involves parent engagement, not for school operations purposes

7. Other business

8. 2025-2026 Meetings

- Thursday, April 9, 2026 at 6pm online
- Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 6pm online

Adjournment at 6:53pm by Natalie Senoo

Attendees:

Colin L

Angela Giang

Arn Verano

Natalie S

Alison Bobenic

Jill Neufeld

Donette

Lisa Ha

Jenny C

Taufik Al-Sarraj