

Buffalo Rubbing Stone School Council Meeting

General Meeting Minutes

Date: May 28, 2026, Time: 6pm

Location: Online

1. Call to order at 6:01pm by Natalie Senoo.
2. **Approve General Agenda [Anun Ghazanfar, Donette Wynter]**
 - **Motion approved**
3. **Approve GM Minutes April 9, 2026 [Anum Ghazanfar, Angela Lee]**
 - **Motion approved**
4. Administrators' report
 - Celebrations
 - Volunteer Tea successful
 - CNG Band concert
 - All safety drills completed
 - 1 grade assembly left
 - Open Minds classes completed at City Hall School
 - Movie Nights very successful
 - New parking signage
 - Early Years re-assignments completed for those identified as needing additional supports
 - Upcoming Dates
 - June 4th- Kindergarten orientation
 - June 5th -Teacher Appreciation
 - June 12- Sports Day
 - June 25- Report Cards
 - June 26- Last Day of School
 - Swimming feedback
 - We asked VIVO to make changes to their lessons for us this year
 - VIVO provides a different program from Thorncliffe, Swim to Survive
 - **Question: "Will we get report cards?"** Answer as per Allison: Yes, there will be reports sent at the end of May from VIVO.
 - "My kids said they were put in different levels based on their abilities. I like the Swim To Survive program as it's more important for my kids to learn how to swim to save themselves in water than how to do a breast stroke."
 - "I noticed kids swimming in the big pool and had to use real swimming skills."
 - "She liked it, wondering if we will get report cards and heard that it's coming."
 - "There was more structure than last year."
 - VIVO is easier as we only need one bus
 - Teachers notice a difference in lessons and prefer VIVO.
 - Projected School Enrollment
 - Projected 594 students
 - Population will change
 - 2 AM kindergarten classes, 1 PM class
 - Budget reallocation
 - Unspent Funds from Open Minds, Online Learning Enhancements, Indigenous Elder Presentation
 - ~\$7000
 - Re-allocate:
 - Mathology
 - Grade 5 Farewell (inline skating now \$700), photobooth = \$1000

- GST on swim lessons = \$500

- ***Motion to present the re-allocated funding request to the Parent Association [Anum Ghazanfar, Lisa Huang]***
 - **Motion approved**

5. Provincial News

- COSC
 - Virtual meeting April 22, 2026- Colin
 - Talked about new schools opening
 - In person meeting June 10, 2026
 - Colin will attend
 - Looking to others to attend so Colin can walk them through
 - Held at CBE main office
 - Donette will attend
- ASCA- Spring Symposium April 25 & 26, 2026- Donnette
 - School council to not just be reactive and better ways to work together
 - Ways we communicate affect participation
 - Improving the information we share can improve engagement
 - Access Pass available to anyone part of the Council to have different online session
 - School Councils Parent Engagement funds to purchase Access Pass
<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/school-councils/asca-access-pass/asca-2026-2027-access-pass-session-descriptions>
- School Councils Parent Engagement Funds- Post Cards/ Signage 2025-2026 Money Ideas
 - Funds need to be used by June 12th, Colin will confirm date
 - Possible Parent Night Fall Oct 29, 2026
 Radical Empathy with Bryan Saint Louis
- Other

6. Business from prior meetings, other business

7. 2025-2026 Meetings

- Thursday, October 1, 2026 @ 6:30pm in-person

8. Adjournment at 6:50pm by Natalie Senoo.

Attendees:

1. Natalie Senoo
2. Allison Bobenic
3. Donette Wynter
4. Lisa Huang
5. Anun Ghazanfar
6. Colin Lee
7. Ann Verano
8. Angela Lee