

Busby School Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Society
January 12, 2026—4:15pm
Busby School

1) Meeting called to order at 4:12pm by Victoria. Land Acknowledgement.

In attendance (17): Daryl Chattaroon, Victoria Demmink, Sylvia Fischbuck, Delanna Spargo, Kyli Ford, Jen Stoby, Miranda Srayko-Slifka, Charlene Hengen, Kendall Wojciechowski, Melissa Wortman, Megan Romaniuk, Autumn Hamilton, Alyssa Pfaeffli, Cheryl Hunter, Erin Hamaliuk (Harder), Aubrie Baddiuk, Superintendent Brett Cooper.

2) Previous meeting minutes: Sylvia adopted her November 3, 2025 minutes as presented and read. Miranda seconded. Carried.

3) Treasurer's report: Delanna adopted her financial report as presented. Kendall seconded. All in favour. Carried. December 30, 2025 account balances per report:

- a. General account balance—\$9,083.71
- b. Casino account balance—\$7,491.53

Delanna confirmed that the next casino is in 2027.

4) Standing business

- a. Brickhouse fundraiser recap: Made over \$1,800 this year. Next year suggestion is to do the fundraiser a bit earlier, for hunting etc. season; this year was delayed due to fall teacher strike. Noted by fundraising committee.
- b. Christmas hampers: Up to \$100 per child approved at our last meeting. 3 families, totaling \$800 (\$100 per child). Aubrie believed that the amount was sufficient. To revisit in fall 2026 for next year.
- c. Skating rink:
 - i. "Show us your outdoor rink" contest winnings outcome (\$500): Jen bought shovels, 2 metal skate trainers, and a pair of nets which are available for the community's use. There is a bit of funds left; to let Jen know if school needs anything else, such as another trainer.
 - ii. Input from fire department on boards (held—Carolyn was not at the meeting).
 - iii. Skates, helmets, shovels, and sharpening at Home Hardware:
 - Sharpening for \$6/pair (reg. \$8); school has 46 skates to sharpen. \$276 max (some pairs might be free—volume discount). Jen made the motion to get the skates sharpened now, and Megan seconded. All in favour. Carried.

- d. Cross-country skis/shoes: Daryl will ask Mr. Schaeffer what sizes of cross-country ski shoes may be needed next staff collaboration day. This year, some students have had to wear the wrong size because there weren't enough pairs.
- e. Canopy shelter tent inquiry - update from Alyssa: Victoria bought a shelter on Amazon 8x8 \$85. Alyssa found the biggest challenge was finding someone to put the school logo on the shelter if it's bought somewhere else. Could get a separate banner from Vista print and sew it on (\$40), but that is a lot of work. Vista print also has tents with logos on them, but those are \$1400. Amazon has 10x10 for \$340 with logo on them—good reviews. Jen made a motion to buy the \$340 tent from Amazon with the logo printed on it, and Autumn seconded. All in favour. Carried.
- f. Table purchase: Jen arranged a discounted price of \$145 + GST per 8' table (reg. \$175) through Blair at Home Hardware. The bill will be \$2,283.75 for 15 tables, which is within the budgeted range of approximately \$1.6k-\$2.5k previously approved at the November meeting. This was the best price, as even Uline was over \$200 per table. Pickup from Home Hardware will be in January, and the school will give a shoutout and thank you to Blair.
- g. The school was in need of a new roaster. Kyli made the motion to reimburse Victoria the \$91 (approx.) to replace it before the pancake breakfast. Megan seconded. All in favour. Carried.
- h. Concert VIP tickets outcome and feedback: 42 tickets sold in total, made \$300. (Compared to \$430 last year.) Will continue for foreseeable future. 50/50 ticket sign (price) needs to be at the 50/50 table, not at the door because people don't notice it. Reminder day-of to parents to bring cash. New sound system to be priced out by Aubrie for next meeting. Lions Club may be willing to donate (donated the system for the Hall). Other wish list items include a second set of stairs for other side of stage, and riser like Dunstable's—not urgent, down the road.

5) New business

- a. Teacher request – transportation cost for grade 4 class trip: Oil Kings game after school. \$433 approx. (based on mileage, driver time). Autumn made the motion to cover the cost of transportation only for any students whose families may not be able to afford it, at Aubrie's discretion. Miranda seconded. All in favour. Carried.
- b. Mini fundraisers:
 - i. Candy cane express took a lot of work and wasn't consistent with the inclusive culture of Busby school; mixed feelings. Will not continue. Idea to do a twice a year bake sale—parents volunteer cost of materials and their time. Valentine's Day and Halloween were suggested. Megan will form a sub-committee for February and hold a Pink Shirt Day bake sale.

- ii. Bottle drive is running to the end of January. Alyssa suggested setting up an account at the bottle depot so people can take their truckloads in directly with funds set aside for the school. Melissa will look into this. Messaging to parents will be needed, to let them know this option exists.
- c. Spring fundraisers – update from Kyli and Melissa: Calahoo will start mid-April so it comes in before May long weekend.
- d. Pancake breakfast cost of approximately \$225: school will cover the cost out of nutrition budget, but the parent volunteers were appreciated.
- e. “Free to play” grant: Westlock Community Foundation has a kid/youth-based grant for outdoor play. There is an information night that Miranda is planning to attend. Miranda needs a committee in order to pursue certain grant opportunities; so far there has been no interest. Autumn volunteered. Jen and Carolyn have experience with grant applications and can serve as resources as well. First need to know what are asking for, and have a committee and vision. A lot of grants will only cover half, but can obtain multiple grants to reduce our percentage to say 25%. Free to Play grant—Miranda indicated that may have already missed the deadline.

6) Adjournment

Next meeting is on March 9, 2026 at 4:15pm, Busby School.

Meeting adjourned at 5:21pm by Victoria.