

Burlington Central School (BCS) School Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 6, 2026

Time: 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Location: Library / Virtual

Agenda Item	Discussion / Notes
<p>1. Grades 7–8 Council Meeting (6:30–7:00 p.m.)</p>	<p>Purpose Separate meeting held to address Grades 7–8 needs before the full council meeting.</p> <p>Student Needs and Purchases Previous purchases included cameras for IT events and hot plates. Potential needs include seating, PE equipment, classroom supplies, games, jerseys and fans. Air conditioning was a common student request but is outside Council’s control. A parent donated board games.</p> <p>Fundraising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Year Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Weekly pizza sales: ≈\$10,000 ○ Walker’s Chocolates ≈: \$1,500–\$1,600 ○ Dance: ≈\$130 ○ Krispy Kreme: ≈\$300 ○ Basketball tournaments: amount not provided • The Angel Fund supports student expenses. • Grades 7–8 and 9–12 funds remain separate. <p>Grade 8 Trip A Blue Mountain day trip is being considered. Overnight options were discussed in relation to affordability and inclusion.</p> <p>Action Ask the business manager about enabling optional Angel Fund donations on all School Cash Online events.</p>
<p>2. Welcome, Introductions and Land Acknowledgement</p>	<p>Welcome and Introductions Council members and school representatives introduced themselves. Attendees shared their backgrounds and interests in supporting the school community.</p> <p>Truth and Reconciliation</p>

	Donated rocks were used by students to write messages following their learning about Truth and Reconciliation.
3. School Council Executive Elections	<p>Executive Roles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chairs: Kimberly Calderbank and Erin Pepler • Grades 7–8 Parent Representatives: Janelle Eade and Ashley Scott • Treasurer: Alisha Woodman • Secretary: Dao Ly • Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Representative: Sneh Modi <p>Meeting Dates</p> <p>Meeting dates will be spread out to accommodate scheduling conflicts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion: Erin • Seconded by: Angela • Outcome: Approved

<p>5. Staff Report</p>	<p>Assessment and Reporting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9 students will receive reports around the fifth week. • For Grades 10–12, parents may be contacted when a student is achieving 60% or below, or when other concerns arise. <p>Upcoming Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IB Information Event • Take Your Kids to Work Day (Nov 4) for Grade 9 students • Parent-Teacher Interviews <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Grades 9–12 parent-teacher interviews were scheduled for November 22, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. ○ Grades 7–8 interviews are expected in late November. • School Musical, Olympiac, is planned for early December <p>School Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Businesses and organizations that can host co-op students are also being sought. • Maureen Paci: new Vice-Principal for Grades 9–12. • Careers testing results are expected this week. Students who successfully completed the test before September 2026 do not need to repeat it. • Visiting educators from Peru and Spain are expected to visit the school, including visits supporting Multilingual Language Learners (MLL). <p>Clubs, Sports and School Activities</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs and sports are underway. A hockey trip to 16 Mile is planned for October 30, and a school dance is being planned. • A colour-house assembly will help build connections across grades. • The Athletic Council raised \$1,225 through the Terry Fox run in downtown Burlington.
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6. Vice-Principal Report — Grades 7–8	<p>Attendance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance expectations are intended to support classroom participation rather than be punitive. • Discussions are ongoing regarding attendance expectations and grade-specific thresholds, which require confirmation. • Families with concerns involving vulnerable students should work with the principal and support team to develop an appropriate plan that considers individual circumstances. <p>Vandalism and vape detectors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bathroom Vandalism: Damage to and removal of soap dispensers were raised as concerns. • Vape Detectors: Installation has been delayed.
7. Principal Report — Grades 9–12	<p>Artificial Intelligence (AI) Use</p> <p>AI expectations may vary by teacher and assignment. Teachers have been reminded to clarify expectations and protect personal information. Parents should contact individual teachers with questions.</p>
9. Incoming Chair Updates	<p>Council Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A handbook outlining School Council roles and responsibilities will be shared with members. • Action: Email the handbook and have Kim add the school announcements link. <p>Trivia Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled for November 27 at Joe Dogs for adults aged 19+. • Action: Promote the fundraiser once ticket details are available. <p>Wellness Event / Parent-Guardian Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council discussed reintroducing or rebranding the Wellness Event and increasing family engagement, potentially involving feeder schools as in previous years.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action: Bika to connect with other school council chairs and Jackie Jones (BDBA representative) to explore collaboration. <p>Post-Secondary Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A parent/student panel or round-table discussion was proposed. • Guidance had provided a virtual session for Grade 12 students. • The Vice-Principal recommended working with Guidance and using the MyBlueprint app.
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Upcoming Meeting Dates

Wednesday, December 2nd, 2026

Thursday, February 4th, 2027

Monday, April 5th, 2027

Tuesday, June 8th, 2027

*** Potential for socials after both December and June meetings*

