

Ramsay School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Wednesday June 3rd, 2026 – 6:30 PM

Location: Ramsay School

Attendance:

Executive	Educators	Members
Hilary Echtner (Chair)	Principal Shane Turner	Anita Murakami
Sarah Dmytryshyn (Past Chair)	Assistant Principal Traci Peterson	Sekar Raj
Sam Hester (Secretary)		Geoff Allan
Brelyn Shannon (Member at Large)		

1. CALL TO ORDER (Chair, Hilary Echtner): 6:34 PM

- Land acknowledgement provided by Hilary Echtner
- Members present: as noted above
- Approval of agenda
 - o Motion to approve: Sam Hester
 - o Seconded: Sarah Dmytryshyn
- Approval of minutes
 - o Motion to approve: Anita Murakami
 - o Seconded: Sekar Raj

2. Greetings & introductions from Principal and Assistant Principal

3. GRADE FOUR TEACHING TEAM UPDATE

Ms. Sterling: Math

Demonstration:

Math manipulators

Base ten blocks

Play board games at home to help kids learn to count. All kids can be math people!

Ms. Davis: Literacy

Grades 5 and 6 focus on reading to learn

Students have been working in literacy circles, discussing together about their reading

Literacy journals: an opportunity to practice writing

Read with your child every day!

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Mr. Parker: Social Studies

This year we have been working with a new curriculum
Charter of Rights & Freedoms, Canadian government, and Indigenous roots of western democracy
Asking questions that kids can relate to, i.e. "What is fair?"
Exploring ancient civilizations
Making connections to students' lived experience, i.e. an exercise to show how almost all our activities during the day are impacted by different levels of government

4. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Principal Shane Turner and Assistant Principal Traci Peterson)

a) School Updates

-Events
-Sharing Day: Student Learning Walk was a big success!

b) Next year Planning

Classes/Staff: aiming for a similar configuration as last year
Classroom Complexity Team update

c) Out-of-School Care – CORE Compass will be providing out of school care starting in September 2026

d) Upcoming School events

Discussion: End of year activities; Updated school hours and bus times for 2026-27; PATs

4. SCHOOL COUNCIL BUSINESS (Hilary Echtner)

2026 Events

-Kindergarten orientation: School Council will be present to connect with new families
-Activity Day: School Council is planning face painting and ice cream

School Council Recruitment

Playground Update (Sarah Dmytryshyn)

Playground committee, led by Teresa Chan, has chosen a vendor, "Play Envy." Costs estimated to be in the \$513,000 range. This includes a Gaga Ball pit.
CFEP grant + Parks Foundation grant applications have been submitted. Looking into other grants. Stampede Parking and Casino money can be used for this project. Still hoping for a 2027 build. Install during summer would be ideal!
Kids have been invited to submit input about the playground design.

Tree Planting Update

There is a plan for ten trees over the course of two years. (Doesn't have to be consecutive years.) First five trees intended for the front of the school. Plan for the second group of five trees: TBD! This could potentially wait until after playground install, and be planted closer to the playground.

Motion to approve the costs of planting the first five trees, including the watering plan, in the 2025-2026 school year or as soon as possible after that: Sarah Dmytryshyn

Seconded: Brelyn Shannon

Stampede Parking: Sign up! And update website!

5. PARENT ASSOCIATION UPDATE (Hilary Ehtner)

-No update, as Matt was not able to attend

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Sarah Dmytryshyn (7:45)