

Ramsay School Council

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Ramsay School Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting: Thursday March 6, 2025, 6:30pm

Location: Ramsay School

Attendance:

Executive	Educators	Members (apologies for any spelling errors)
Sarah Dymytryshyn (Chair)	Principal Shane Turner	Bala Srinivasan
Hilary Echtner (took minutes)	Assistant Principal Traci Peterson	Balaji Kunchakarra
Vanessa Porteous	Erin Elder	Meghdad Baghan
Kat Lundrigan	Elyssa Jamroziak	Mekedes Tedila
Chantel Bruce	Jody Brox	Sam Hester
		Volkan Nergiz
		Mandy
		Ravindra
		Erin

1. **Call to order** (Sarah Dymytryshyn): 6:33pm
 - a. Land acknowledgement provided by Sarah Dymytryshyn
 - b. Members present: as noted above
 - c. Approval of agenda:
 - Motion to approve Kat Lundrigan; seconded by Hilary Echtner
 - d. Approval of minutes: November and January.
 - Motion to approve Vanessa Porteous; seconded by Kat Lundrigan
2. **Grade 4 teaching team** shared an update on the new Science curriculum in Grade 4.
 - In the past units were taught specifically in Grade 4; new curriculum weaves science concepts across grades, building from one year to the next on the knowledge students learn each year
 - Grade 4 students crossed subject boundaries as well, bringing science to cross-curricular learning activities
 - Literacy – created nonfiction books on space topics
 - Math – created constellations
 - Art – painting galaxies and using different painting techniques
 - Technology – created pinhole camera to view eclipses, which will be studied in grade 5
3. **School Update** (Principal Shane Turner and Assistant Principal Traci Peterson)
 - a) **School Planning 2025** – survey for parent feedback on our school development plan and school fees will be issued tomorrow by email and closes March 20
 - School Development Plan (“SDP”) – specific to Ramsay School, 3 year cycle reviewed yearly.
 - Ramsay SDP aimed at improving student learning in math and literacy, with specific measurable outcomes identified. Results are measured via K-3 AB Provincial Assessments, Report Card Data (Reading/Number) over time, and Gr 6 PAT results.
 - Student results and SDP will be shared at November 2025 school council meeting.
 - Updated SDP will be posted on our school website by November 30, 2025

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- Actions include Learning Excellence actions, Well-being actions, and Truth & Reconciliation, Diversity and Inclusion actions
- Reggio-inspired teaching principles are woven in through the classroom learning activities
- ELAL supports are offered at Ramsay School
- School Budget
 - Our school received \$2,257,779 from Provincial Budget in 2024-25 to provide a quality education to our students and meet the goals in our school development plan. Within this budget, Ramsay School was able to employ 14.6 FTE teachers, 3.7 FTE support staff, 3.3 FTE Admin staff as well as fund \$100,477 for supplies and other expenses.
 - At this time, Parent Association covers all fees for school events, field trips and class activities. Families will be consulted with for proposed activities for the upcoming year that may require a fee for cost recovery. This does not include CBE fees such as bussing, etc.

b) School Updates

- CUPE Strike – updates provided on CBE website
- Fun Lunch (Papa Johns pizza) and Fun Snack (Kernels popcorn) in February were a hit
- Calgary Flames – Give Reading a Shot February 19. Video available on Flames website. Check it out!
- CBE School Spotlight – March 10. Video will be posted on Instagram; only students with media clearance will be shown.
- Book Fair – coming up March 17-21. Adapting to limited evening hours due to CUPE strike. More info to follow
- Artist Residency – Heather Roszell in April
- Spring Break – March 24-28; classes resume March 31. Note, March 21 is a non-instructional day.

c) Student Learning Conferences – March 20 & 21; sign up through MyCBE account. Booking opens March 12; further information will be provided in school update email tomorrow. All conferences will be online.

4. School Council Business

● 2024/2025 School Council Activity:

- a. **Skating social** on Sunday, February 9 was well attended despite the cold weather. Thanks to all who came and everyone who volunteered. Special thank you to Imad Yassine for creating an awesome video capturing all the fun!
- b. Tentatively planning **Spring Dance** April 10, will depend on CUPE strike situation
- c. **Parent-led school initiatives:** Last meeting a motion was approved for tree planting; however, due to CUPE strike no activities on site are allowed at this time.
- d. **Grade 6 Farewell Celebration** will be held June 25. Any parents that would like to volunteer are invited to reach out to RamsayCouncil@gmail.com or via WhatsApp group.
- e. **Next meeting** April 24 will be online unless notified otherwise

5. New business

- No new business

6. Motion to adjourn – Kat Lundrigan 7:55pm