

# Ramsay School Council

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## Ramsay School Council Meeting Minutes

**Meeting:** Thursday Sept 19, 2024, 6:30pm

**Location:** Ramsay School

### Attendance:

| Executive                     | Educators                          | Members (apologies for any spelling errors) |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Sarah Dymytryshyn (Chair)     | Principal Shane Turner             | Kristen                                     |
| Kat Lundrigan (Co Chair)      | Assistant Principal Traci Peterson | Shelly Paik                                 |
| Hilary Echtner (took minutes) |                                    | Vikas Jasiwal                               |
| Vanessa Porteous              |                                    | Susmeeta Banarjee                           |
| Brelyn Shannon                |                                    | Sam Hester                                  |
|                               |                                    | Teresa Chan                                 |
|                               |                                    | Mandy Massiah                               |
|                               |                                    | Tina Petrusevik                             |
|                               |                                    | Krishna Mishra                              |
|                               |                                    | Volkan Nergiz                               |
|                               |                                    | Lulit Arega                                 |
|                               |                                    | Alona Tarasenko                             |
|                               |                                    | Heba                                        |
|                               |                                    | Kirshna Mishra                              |
|                               |                                    | David Isaman                                |

1. **Call to order** (Sarah Dymytryshyn): 6:32pm
  - a. Land acknowledgement provided by Sarah Dymytryshyn
  - b. Members present: as noted above
  - c. Approval of agenda: (agenda change: Grade 2 teaching team will not be here tonight)
    - Motion to approve Kat Lundrigan; seconded by Trina Petrusevik
  - d. Approval of minutes: Motion to approve Vanessa Porteous; seconded by Brelyn Shannon
2. **School Report** (Principal Shane Turner and Assistant Principal Traci Peterson)
  - a. **School Information**
    - Currently 315 students across grades K-6; 13 classes in 12 classrooms
    - 3.5 school busses received
    - Communities of: Ramsay, East Village, Downtown and Overflow from Connaught School
  - b. **Upcoming Events** – all events will be updated on the school calendar (online)
    - Sept 25 Orange Shirt Day
    - Sept 26 Open House
    - Oct 7 Terry Fox Run (weather dependent)
    - Oct 8 Photo Day
    - Oct 23 Take Me Outside Day
    - Oct 31 Halloween
    - Nov 7 Remembrance Day Assembly
    - Dec 12 Holiday Family Event
    - February Friendship Assembly (Gr 1 & 2)

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- April Earth Day Assembly (Gr 3 & 4)
- June Grade 6 Farewell

## c. Curriculum & Reporting 2024-25 Updates

- AB Literacy/Numeracy Assessments (as announced by Alberta Education in June/July). These assessments are used by teachers to develop teaching strategies. They do not count toward report cards. Teachers will discuss results at learning conferences in November, but parents will not receive results directly (per government guidelines).
  - Gr 1, 2, 3 – September
  - Gr K-3 – January
  - Gr K-3 – May (some students only)
  - G6 will write Provincial Achievement Tests as usual in June (no change from prior years)
- Student Learning Conferences
  - November 28-29
  - March 20-21
- Report Cards
  - January 29 (K-6)
  - June 26 (K-6)
- New Curriculum
  - Science – K-6
  - Gr 2 Social Studies Pilot (all other grades remain on current curriculum)

## d. Building Updates

- AV system is now fully installed
- Staff Parking Lot – tripping hazards have been removed and other safety features have been installed
- Compound upgrade – basketball hoop and bucket ball have been installed and new lines have been painted
- Office upgrades have been completed as well

## e. 2024 PA Funding Requests – similar to last year

- Classroom field trips
- Classroom supplies
- Residencies:
  - Clubb Soccer (September)
  - Artist: Heather Rozell (April)
- Guests:
  - Calgary Opera (February) – afternoon performance. Exploring options for AM Kindergarten
- Potential longer term projects e.g. planting trees, signage, etc. to be discussed at future Council meetings

## f. Volunteers/Forms/Updates

- Classes require volunteers for offsite activities and other events
- Volunteers are organized by the classroom teacher

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- All CBE volunteers must have an EPIC and CBE annual volunteer form (complete through MyCBE account). Currently this cost is covered by Volunteer Alberta. Get your clearance early for to be eligible for future volunteer opportunities
- Annual forms are due now (demographic and consent forms)
- See webpage calendar for all school events and dates!

## **g. Other**

- Fees – all school-based fees are covered by PA. However, there are system fees that are mandatory and are not covered by PA e.g. lunchroom supervision (for students that stay for lunch), bussing, supply fees (notebooks, pencils, erasers, etc.)
  - These fees are added to your account typically by mid-October
  - There is a central waiver for low income families (visit CBE website/waivers)
- Student Council
  - Looking promising this year; however, biggest challenge continues to be the short lunch break
  - Calgary Bridge Foundation for Youth – exploring potential opportunities for lunch time activity 1x/week

## **3. School Council Business**

### **a. Executive Introductions**

- Sarah Dmytryshyn (Chair)
- Kat Lundrigan (Co Chair)
- Vanessa Porteous (Past Chair & Communications)
- Hilary Echtner (Secretary)
- Brelyn Shannon (Member at Large)
- Chantel Bruce (New Member at Large to be voted in October)

### **b. Volunteer database & classroom groups**

- 12 “What’sApp” groups have been set up for each class (AM & PM kindergarten are together), which provides for a convenient way for parents/guardians to stay in touch. This is managed outside of the school/CBE. Watch for QR code coming home in student backpacks to join.
- Facebook community also exists for Ramsay School families

### **c. 2024-25 Activities** – 17% of funds raised from Stampede Parking is provided to School Council to fund student activities

- 2 dances (fall (Oct 24) & spring (date TBD)), each will be split between Gr K-3 and G4-6.
- 2 fun lunches (dates TBD)
- Skating social (first week of February)
- End of year activity – considering doing ice cream truck or something similar (likely change from hot dog stand which we’ve done prior years)
- Approval of activities: Motion to approve Kat Lundrigan; seconded by Vanessa Porteous

## **4. Parent Association (PA) Update** Teresa Chan

- AGM next Wednesday (online).
  - Current board will dissolve and a new board will be stood up. Please reach out if you are interested ([ramsayschoolpa@gmail.com](mailto:ramsayschoolpa@gmail.com))

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- Stampede Parking in July 2024 was a huge success
- Casino fundraiser will be December 18/19

## 5. New business

- Ideas for projects (e.g. trees) would have to be coordinated through School Council and/or PA. Any ideas should be brought forward to either group.
- Extra Curricular sports (or other activities) clubs? Not impossible, but has challenges. Lunchtime clubs are challenged by short lunch hour; after school clubs require a teacher or staff member to be present.

## 6. Motion to adjourn – Hilary Echtner 7:34pm