

**Ramsay School Council Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting:** Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – 6:30 PM

**Location:** Ramsay School

**Attendance:**

<b>Executive</b>	<b>Educators</b>	<b>Members</b>
Hilary Echtner (Chair)	Principal Shane Turner	Christine Fletcher
Sarah Dmytryshyn (Past Chair)	Assistant Principal Traci Peterson	
Sam Hester (Secretary)	Ms. Brox	
	Ms. Jamroziak	

**1. CALL TO ORDER** (Chair, Hilary Echtner):

- Land acknowledgement provided by Hilary Echtner, 6:31 PM
- Members present: as noted above
- Approval of agenda
  - o Motion to approve: Sam Hester
  - o Seconded: Sarah Dmtryshyn
- Approval of minutes
  - o Motion to approve: Hilary Echtner
  - o Seconded: Sarah Dmytryshyn

**2. Greetings & introductions from Principal and Assistant Principal**

**3. GRADE FOUR TEACHING TEAM UPDATE**

**Ms. Jamroziak & Ms. Brox:**

Presentation on their work with the new Grade 4 Social Studies curriculum. Their class is studying *The Beginnings of Canada up to 1867*.

Discussion about how fun and engaging activities can bring dry historical facts to life, and teach students empathy and critical thinking.

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

**a) 2026 School Planning**

- Principals shared “**School Planning & You**” video
- Review of **School Development Plan** (the plan will be emailed to Ramsay School families)

**b)** Discussion of **Alberta Education and Childcare Assurance Survey**; the date to complete it has been extended till March 13.

c) Presentation about **Ramsay School Budget** and **School Fees**

d) Information about upcoming **School Learning Conferences**, March 19-20

**e) School Updates**

- Recent Grade 1 & 2 Friendship Assembly
- Book Fair: March 16-20 (Volunteers with police clearance are needed)
- Spring Break: March 23-27
- Dance Residency: April 6-10

**4. SCHOOL COUNCIL BUSINESS (Hilary Echnert)**

**2026 Events**

- **Skating Social:** Thanks to parents and volunteers for all the work making it happen (including making the ice for the rink). Excellent turnout and a successful event!
- **Spring Dance:** planned for April 9 from 6:15-8 PM

**Playground Update (Sarah Dmytryshyn)**

Playground committee is finalizing quotes from three vendors for the grant application. Costs estimated to be in the \$550,000-\$600,000 range. Ambitiously aiming for 2027 install!

**5. PARENT ASSOCIATION UPDATE (Hilary Echnert)**

- Casino: tentatively planned for mid-late October
- Discussions underway with Ramsay Community Association about planning Stampede Parking
- Next meeting will be next Friday evening, and Parent Association will provide an update.
- Feedback from School administration: Stampede Parking organizers should be asking for volunteers earlier, in order to take advantage of school communication channels. (Ideally sign-up sheets available at the dance on April 9, and at the celebration of learning in May)

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**Discussion:**

- School administration has asked for information and updates about classroom complexity from Alberta Education; waiting to hear back.

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- Coded Minds: Coded Minds has a contract until the end of the school year. Ramsay School administration have received reassurances that a child care provider will remain at the school, with no gap in care.

- Club Fridays: Decision has been made to focus on cross-grade buddies for the remainder of the school year.

-Discussion: How to inform and motivate Ramsay School parents and guardians to attend and participate in School Council activities?

### **7. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Sarah Dmytryshyn (8:15)**