

**Ramsay School Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Meeting:** Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 – 6:30 PM  
**Location:** Ramsay School

**Attendance:**

<b>Executive</b>	<b>Educators</b>	<b>Parent Association</b>	<b>Members</b>
Hilary Echtner (Chair)	Principal Shane Turner	Matt Meldrum	Rustam Rakhmangulov
Sarah Dmytryshyn (Past Chair)	Assistant Principal Traci Peterson		
Brelyn Shannon (Member at Large)	G3 Teacher Drew Jackson		
	G3 Teacher Sabine Harris		

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** (Chair, Hilary Echtner):
- Land acknowledgement provided by Hilary Echtner, 6:31 PM
  - Members present: as noted above
  - Approval of agenda
    - Motion to approve: Brelyn Shannon
    - Seconded: Sarah Dmytryshyn
  - Approval of minutes
    - Motion to approve: Hilary Echtner
    - Seconded: Brelyn Shannon

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

**3. GRADE THREE TEACHING TEAM UPDATE**

**Ms. Harris & Mr. Jackson**

The teachers shared a recap of a recent fieldtrip to Masters Gallery in Mission. This was funded through the Ramsay School Council/PA, CBE Arts Council and supported by Masters Gallery.

Students completed a scavenger hunt to find various pieces of art. Then students drew their favourite painting. Teachers emphasized there was so much art to look at and that the Masters Gallery employees were great and welcoming towards the kids. Made the day a big success and was a fantastic place to learn about different artistic styles. There was a lot of excitement and discussion around Maggie Hall, as students recognized her work.

Examples of the assignments across the Curriculum that were tied to this fieldtrip:

**Poetry Anthology** Teaching writing and language as an art form. Students log featured poems. Paired a drawing of their artwork with their haiku. Also created Diamante poems. Displayed student samples of poems.

**Story Writing** –Students took a picture of their favourite art and then they wrote a short story using art as inspiration. Students are learning how to create their own fictional stories by first working to create fictional story summaries. Learning to summarize, by making up a story about a piece of art from the gallery.

**Printmaking activity** – learning about patterns, shapes. To show objects, people or ideas. Learning about symmetry.

**Social Studies** – learning about the work of Ted Harrison. Books and design. Completed TH inspired art.

***Teachers put emphasis on how much learning and engagement from students that occurs with a fieldtrip, so much happens after the fieldtrip. Appreciation for funding from the PA/SC to help fund these.***

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

**a) Classroom complexity teams**

- 118 schools in CBE chosen by AB education team:
- For Ramsay School
  - 1 – Teacher 2 – Education assistants
  - Remainder of the year plan – numbers shift as classes change. Next year plan. Waiting for information back from CBE
- Staffing is the key issue, already about 15% of jobs are not filled. Struggle every year with filling positions. Some teachers do not want permanent positions and

would rather work permanently as a substitute.

- Ms. Roland (Grade 2 teacher) – directed to hire internal teacher for classroom complexity team; role will be backfilled by Emelie Gobeil
- High EAL population and a high population of coded students.
- EAs – 240+ positions currently available – trying to fill this position.

Q: How will it work? Will the CT teacher be rotating between classrooms?

- Will depend – first must set goals and get clarity on reporting requirements. EAL information. K-3 assessments. EAL in older grades.

### **Next year**

- CCT teacher will be hired
- Budget allows a teacher and 2 EA assistant for next year.
- Will offer roles internally, prior to going to posting.

### **b) 2026 – 2027 School Planning**

#### Student Numbers

- Based on census looking about the same. However, with enrollment numbers are down about 30 kids. Spread across different grades, but this would be an entire class worth funding. Tell people to register to Ramsay School!
- Small number of Grade 4 students.

#### Bell Times for next year

- 8:30 soft entry
- 8:40 class start
- Recess TBD (staggered recesses work much better, cause fewer conflicts, allow more space for kids to play)
- Dismissal 3:10 pm
- Dismissal Friday 12:40 pm

### **c) Events Recap**

Earth Day Assembly

School Dance – great night.

Bollywood Residency – The kids loved it, would consider doing again. Was nicely timed with the school dance, kids requesting Bollywood music

PAT's - Grade 6 – No Social Studies PAT this year, but Math, Language Arts & Literacy will proceed.

### **Upcoming Important Dates:**

Volunteer Tea – June 11

Welcome to Kindergarten – June 12

Activity Day – June 23 (green fools juggling)

G6 Farewell – June 24

Last Day School – Friday June 24

Ozobots purchased and are now being distributed for use. Teaching coding.

## **4. SCHOOL COUNCIL BUSINESS (Hilary Echtner)**

### **Events**

#### **a) Activity Day**

- a. Pricing out Frozen Treat Cart
- b. Organizing face painting – exploring as an option.
  - Get through one class in about 20 minutes.

b) **School Council Recruitment** – Upcoming K orientation SC will have a presence there. Does AGM have to be in June? May be able to move it to September. Could be a better time to gain new members for executive. Will need to confirm.

c) **Tree Planting** – No update

d) **Playground Update** – applying for 3 different grants. Approaching a couple vendors to choose between. Deciding in the next couple of months. Planning to build in 2027.

e) **ASCA Grant** - \$500 grant to use. Talked to other School Council Execs in Ward 8 and 9. Asked what they are doing with ASCA grant. One idea is to use it to buy membership that provides access to various webinars Called Access Pass.

- Hilary motion to use funds for Access Pass at end of May
- Second the motion: Brelyn Shannon

## **5. PARENT ASSOCIATION UPDATE (Matt Norburn)**

### **Stampede Parking:**

- Sent out email asking for volunteers for various roles
  - coordinator/chair, secretary, committee liaison, individual team lead.  
So far 4 responses, will send out a reminder.
  - QR to help with signup.
  - Still looking for RV team lead, communications upper lot, communications second upper parking lot.
- Putting out signup for stampede fundraiser for this year
- PA moving to biweekly meetings to get moving
- Couple of planned changes:
  - Providing parking passes for Elbow River Camp and Family and Staff of school

**Casino:** Paperwork being submitted for casino next year – hoping for fall, might be January.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **Discussion:**

Sarah asked about gophers. Shane notes that a request has been made to pest control and they will also clean up mice.

## **7. MOTION TO ADJOURN: Sarah Dmytryshyn (8:06)**