

Ranchlands School Council (RSC)– Meeting Agenda and Minutes

RSC Meeting Agenda:

Date: **March 10, 2026**

Time: **6:45 p.m.**

Location: **Ranchlands School**

Agenda Items	Lead(s)	Min est.
1. Welcome and Call to Order (Chair)	DJ	1
2. Approval of the Agenda	All	1
3. Teacher’s report - Grade 4	Inga and Mark	10
4. Discussion of School Development Plan, with questions from parents	SW	25
5. Reflections from Trustee Regal, with questions from parents	JR	15
6. Open Floor	All	5
7. Confirm Next Meeting Date / Plan	DJ	1
8. Confirm Action Items	DJ	2
9. Adjournment	DJ	1

Meeting Guidelines:

- These agendas are finalized in advance with the Chair and Principal.
- To propose future items, email ranchlandscouncil@gmail.com, preferably one-week in advance. All item proposals must include:
 - A clear topic or motion
 - Supporting documents, if applicable
 - A draft 3 minute summary

Pre-Meeting Notes:

- The RSC Bylaws are available here: [Ranchlands-School-Council-Constitution.pdf](#)
- From the CBE Trustees:
 - [Here is a link](#) to the feedback gathered from the January COSC meeting. This information is posted on the school council page for easy reference. In the document you will see key themes that emerged across schools in attendance as well as detailed feedback by ward groupings.
 - **Our next COSC meeting is scheduled for April 22, 2026.**

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Meeting Minutes:

Attendance:

Parents:	In person: Darcy Johnson, Jesica Eizinga, Chrissy Fraser, Kiera Savoie, Online: Sumitra Patel, Lauren Walker, Claire Johnson,
CBE Staff	In person: Steve Wigglesworth, Tania Wong Trustee Jenny Regal

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Meeting Notes:

Item Topics	Notes	Action Items (brief)
1. Welcome and Call to Order (Principal)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looking to fill at least two school council positions – Chair and Secretary. • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
2. Approval of the Agenda	<p>Draft:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No additional items were added. • Agenda approved as presented. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
3. Teacher’s report (Inga and Mark)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers provided an overview of all the grades priorities in the various programs. • Teachers explained what grades K to 6 are currently learning in science, drama, music, math and language arts. Students are also learning about the current and upcoming holidays (holy week, St. Patrick’s, Ramadan) • Grade 4 New World Project (Mark): students are building ‘mini civilizations’ by creating lands with different ecosystems and biomes. The project includes constructing a dynamic game board, following a core set of rules and fashioning new rules while shaping the story (like D&D). This project helps them understand how early societies functioned by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Building roads and infrastructure ○ Trading resources ○ Experiences consequences of hoarding resources versus cooperating. • Grade 4 Science and Sustainability Project (Inga) – students are using science concepts like gravity and magnetism to explore waste reduction. They are developing “reduce, reuse and recycle” plans for use at school and home. Specifically, their task is to design something that uses the force of gravity or magnetism or both to help in solving a waste problem. Projects to be developed in March/April. • Parents noted that students are excited about these projects and enjoy sharing what they are building in class. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
4. Principal report - School Development Plan Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Math goals: the school is focused on numbered literacy using programs and resources acquired by the CBE that align with the Alberta Education curriculum. Weekly math challenges are announced on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback on SDP at the meeting. No action

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	<p>Monday mornings at three levels (green, yellow and red) to encourage participation. This is year 2 of the School Development Plan, and results are showing improvement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Budgets and fees: Principal explained the school’s funding (RAM budget) and noted that most is allocated to staffing. Various fee types were discussed, including the maximums that can be charged to families. Any costs exceeding these limits must be covered by the school or the parent fundraising society. - Financial update: the school reviewed the Fee Report to Parents, which shows the gap between fees charged and fees recovered. Notably, the school took a loss of approximately \$3k on field trips last year. Due to this shortfall, the swimming classes for 2026 were cancelled. - Parent ideas and feedback – Parents requested math resources be posted to Google Classroom so they can support their children using the same methods taught in school. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Due to rising busing costs, it was suggested that the school look into more “in school” field trips, such as guest speakers or workshops. o There was interest expressed in future school residencies. Principal confirmed that flag football is an upcoming residency for spring 2026. 	<p>needed for parents after the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T.W. to look at communication of outstanding fees and methods for collection to parents.
<p>5. Reflection with Trustee Regal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught at several schools • Been involved in A.T.A. work, and other teacher associations. • Complexity Task Force: a provincial initiative providing the CBE with 116 ‘Complexity Teams’ (one teacher, two educational assistants per team). About 47% of schools will receive this support. Ranchlands may receive one of the teams, although it is not yet confirmed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School growth: rapid community growth is requiring physical modifications and renovations at several schools to accommodate larger student populations. 	
6. Open Floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parent teacher conferences: scheduled for next week, along with the School book fair. • Treats for teachers – Chrissy to coordinate providing treats to teachers during the parent teacher conferences. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jessica – coffee ○ Kiera – gluten free treats ○ Chrissy – treats • Next COSC meeting is on April 22, 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No potluck, treats • Parents bring treats on the Friday
7. Confirm Next Meeting Date / Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 14, 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
8. Confirm Action Items (new, pending and completed items)	See action items table below	
9. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 8:58.	

ONGOING list of Action Items:

Action Items (new and outstanding)	Assigned to:	Assigned Date:	Target Date:	Status (Pending, In Progress, Completed)
1. Discuss funding needs with AFORCS	Steve	Feb 10, 2026	Feb 10, 2026	Completed

