



Ray Lewis Elementary School – School Council

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School Council Meeting

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Tuesday, September 16th, 2025, 6:00 pm, School Library (Learning Commons)

1. Welcome, School Pledge and Land Acknowledgement (started at 6:00 pm)

2. Introduction of Members (Attendance)

- **In person:** Justin Szajnowski, Marissa Puzzuoli- Thomas, Martin Cox, Correna Caton, Michelle Kell, Cindy Fodor, Amanda Baxter, James O'Conner
- **Online:** Ashley Kerr, Khusby Shrestha, Malik Bada Shitty, Krishiv Fataniya, Salman Awan, Maddy, Maqaddas Ali, Lisa, Sarah Colborne

3. Elections:

- Justin Szajnowski – Chair
- Correna Caton – Co-chair
- Amanda Baxter – Treasurer
- No Secretary
- Cindy Fodor – Member at large
- Ashley Kerr – Member at large
- Shahd Salmon – Member at large

4. Review and Approval of current agenda

1st: Justin Szajnowski **2nd:** Amanda Baxter

5. Reports

Principal/ Vice Principal:

- Welcome Back: Great Start
- Pizza: Ginos up on school cash online –Tuesdays/ Official Date: October 7th / 14/21/28
- Spirit Wear: Sales Commenced/ Directly through their website
- Parking Update: Duty clearing the kiss and ride/double parking

- Commencement Update: June 18th/ School Council Spearheading the event after the school ceremony
- School if we Reorganize: We will be informed by October 1st
- Dream Assembly: Ian Matthews: Dates TBD
- Student Spirit Committee (Martin)
- Terry Fox Event: September 18th: Nora Henderson

Chair Report:

Following Marissa's announcement that intermediate staff will no longer help with the grad event after the assembly, I explored venue options.

I presented three: the gym, Carmen's, and Southcote 53 — with estimated costs, pros and cons. Due to limited availability, we couldn't do a full poll, so council voted.

Southcote 53 was unanimously chosen, and I'll move forward with booking.

I emphasized the need for volunteers. Once the venue is announced, I'll post a call for help with planning and organizing.

Fundraising Updates:

- I'm finalizing sub lunch dates.
- We agreed to try Quesada for a hot lunch — date to come.
- *Raise the Dough* is set for October 7th.
- Other ideas discussed: Box of Cards, Cinnabon, Macmillan's baked goods.
Amanda will follow up on a meat fundraiser.

We also briefly discussed the school's annual fundraising focus — agreed to prioritize special education, Kindergarten, and explore school-wide benefit apps.

Next Meeting Date is Tuesday, October 21st @ 6:00pm, School Library (Learning Commons)

8. Adjournment