

Meadow Ridge School Council Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2026

In attendance: Jen Pierce-Ager, Isobel Berg, Lara Pearce, Nicole Mulholland, Murillo Perrotti

Administration: Debbie Payne (Principal), Allison Stewart (VP), Danielle Buschman (VP)

Board of Trustees: Sharon Nichols

Meeting called to order at 6:34PM by Jen Pierce-Ager

1. Welcome and Introductions
 - Those in attendance introduced themselves
2. Agenda
 - Addition to agenda: moving next meeting date from April 16th to April 23rd
 - All present approved to move the next scheduled meeting date to April 23rd at 6:30PM
3. Minutes from previous meeting
 - Minutes were unable to be approved as quorum was not reached for this meeting
4. School Council Engagement Grant
 - Lisa Dixon Wells will be presenting on Wednesday, April 29th from 6:30-8:30PM at the school for a cost of \$325 plus mileage
 - Allison mentioned that there is a letter from Lisa about the program
 - A QR code will need to be created for tracking of registration so we can be prepared for attendance purposes and can share with other schools/ parents
 - Allison stressed that this is a parent only program and no children (especially those under 12) should be in attendance as per Lisa
5. Trustee Update- Sharon Nichols
 - April Welsch has been nominated for the Edwin Parr award representing FSD for Zone 5 awards. Liam Scott from Meadow Ridge was one of the three candidates. Trustees from AB School

Committee choose the one overall winner in AB for first year teachers.

- Sharon spoke of the changes happening across the division: Sarah Clarke has been named Assistant Superintendent of Employee Services starting May 1st. There is an on-boarding process between AI and Sarah, which means adjustments will need to be made at DMG to support this.
- In Okotoks there will be changes to our schools with leadership: DMG, OJ and MRS
- Grade 9s First Responder Program for those entering grade 10 for level 1, registration opens April 15th (summer school program). Coursework is certification in First Responder (first air, CPR, WHMIS, and some firefighting)
- The board continued with their tours and have now been to all schools within the district, including most recently at Cameron Crossing Alternative Program, Spitzee and Heritage Heights.
- Big Rock School is starting a program with community seniors called “Classroom Grandmas and Grandpas”

6. Principal’s Update- Debbie Payne

- School Leadership Report: AERR and School Education Plan (this will be rewritten and revised by June)
- March 16th PD Day: district wide day with sessions offered in the morning, then MRS did planning in PM on where their learning needs to happen moving forward. There was a wide variety of sessions, including RCAT sessions for grades 4-9. 6 MRS staff attended Crisis Intervention Training. Sharon added that the board also learns these key concepts in smaller chunks over 2 years so they are informed of what teachers are doing/ learning.
- Debbie reviewed the upcoming calendar events
- Sports Days: K-3 June 18th AM, 4-6 June 18th PM, Jr High June 23rd PM. Was difficult to be able to get a full sports day in this year.
- Grade 9 Farewell June 24th (day before last day)

Meeting adjourned: 7:05 PM

Next Meeting: April 23, 2026 at 6:30PM