

Ramblewood Elementary School

SCHOOL ADVISORY FORUM

BY LAWS

ARTICLE I: NAME

The name of this forum shall be the Ramblewood Elementary School Advisory Forum (SAF).  
This Forum

operates under Broward County School Board Policy 1.3: School Advisory Forum.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

Section 1: Mission Statement: The mission of the Ramblewood Elementary School SAF is to foster and

promote communication between its stakeholders, the school, and the Area Advisory Council. The SAF

shall bring forth recommendations, concerns, and interests to and from their Area Advisory Council.

Section 2: Duties:

1. All duties will be advisory in nature, none of which will conflict with any of the powers and duties

reserved by law, policy or administrative guidelines to the principal.

2. Actively participate with the School Advisory Council in identifying the educational needs and priorities

of the school.

3. Actively participate with the principal in the preparation of the budget and reviewing the budget- related

concerns after each FTE count.

4. Indicate awareness of the program and plans for the school by the signature of the chairperson on the

budget when it is submitted for district budget preparation.

5. Assist in the identification and coordination of the use of community resources to improve student

achievement and school effectiveness.

6. Address parent/community concerns; work with the administration to solve problems and to initiate

desirable change.

7. Assist in increasing/sustaining high levels of community support for the school.

8. Assist in planning, developing and implementing parent/community programs and training activities.

9. Participate in joint training opportunities with the School Advisory Council.

10. In addition to individual School Advisory Forum meetings, hold semi-annual meetings jointly with the

School Advisory Council.

11. The School Advisory Forum shall use guidelines developed by the district, develop and adopt

procedural bylaws, conduct meetings in accordance with the Florida Sunshine Laws, and conduct

meetings according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

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12. As an apolitical organization, officers and members are prohibited from using their titles and/or their

positions to endorse or give the impression of endorsing candidates for public office. In addition, public

monies and/or materials may not be used to endorse candidates or further their campaigns.

### ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Membership of the School Advisory Forum (SAF) shall be representative of the school

community to include parents or guardians of the students enrolled in the school, students of the school,

employees of the school, business partners of the school, community members and business people.

Participation from all ethnic, religious, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds is welcome and encouraged.

Section 2: Voting Rights: Meetings are open to all but voting rights are granted only to members who are

parents or guardians of the students who are enrolled in the school or matriculating to the school the

following year, students of the school, employees of the school and business partners of the school. To

vote at any meeting, members must sign in and show proof that they meet the above voting membership

requirements, if requested.

#### ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers. The officers shall be the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and Recording Secretary.

They should be elected annually at the final meeting of the school year but no later than the first meeting

of the next school year.

Section 2: Eligibility: The Chairperson and the Vice-chairperson shall be a parent or custodial guardian of

a student who will be enrolled and attending the school during their term of service and shall not be

employed by the School Board of Broward County at the school where they will serve.

Section 3: Term of Office: Elected Officers shall serve a period of one year or until their successors have

been elected. They may be re-elected to that office for 2721 consecutive terms.

Section 4: Election of Officers: Nominations shall be taken in accordance with Article V, Section 2. The

election shall be by a written and signed ballot when there is more than one candidate for any office. The

ballots will be counted by a member of School Administration, a member of the Nominating Committee and

a voting member of the Advisory Forum who is not on the ballot.

Section 5: Chairperson Duties. The Chairperson shall have the following duties:

- a. Preside at all the Ramblewood Elementary School SAF meetings;
- b. Sign all correspondence as well as, distribute all correspondence to the elected officers of the

Ramblewood Elementary School SAF;

- c. Attend all Area Advisory Meetings

- d. Attend the School Advisory Council meetings as a voting member or appoint a permanent designee

to attend the meetings;

- e. Act in a professional, prompt and organized manner at all times and,

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- f. Represent the majority opinion of the Ramblewood Elementary School SAF.

Section 6: Vice-Chairperson Duties. The Vice-Chairperson shall have the following duties:

- a. Assume all the duties of the Chairperson in the event that s/he becomes incapacitated, unavailable,

or must step down;

- b. Assist the Chairperson in performing his/her duties;

- c. Act in a professional, prompt and organized manner at all times.

Section 7: Recording Secretary Duties. The Recording Secretary shall have the following duties:

- a. Ensure the recording of minutes at each Ramblewood Elementary School SAF.

- b. Present the minutes at the next Ramblewood Elementary School SAF meeting for review.

c. Retain copies of all minutes of any Ramblewood Elementary School SAF meetings and committees.

d. Transmit the approved Ramblewood Elementary School SAF minutes to the Principal and to such

other persons as the Forum may direct. Retain copies of all the Ramblewood Elementary School SAF

correspondences, chairperson's reports, and meeting/committee reports

#### ARTICLE V: COMMITTEES

Section 1: The Chairperson will create such committees as may be required to promote the objectives of

the Ramblewood Elementary School SAF. Once formed the committee members shall elect a Chairperson.

Section 2: Nominating Committee: The Chairperson will appoint a Nominating Committee at the general

meeting no later than March. The Committee will consist of at least three members and always have an

uneven number of members. At least one officer of the SAF shall serve on the Nominating Committee. The

committee will elect a chairperson. The purpose of the Nominating Committee shall be to nominate one

person to fill each elected position and to present this slate of officers at the general meeting where

elections will take place. Additional nominations may be made from the floor when the elections are held.

The Committee shall function according to Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

Section 3: Each Committee Chair shall have the duty to update the Ramblewood Elementary School SAF,

as necessary, at the monthly general meeting.

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#### ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section 1: General Meetings: Ramblewood Elementary School SAF shall meet regularly with the time,

date, and place of future meetings decided by the (name of school) SAF with the understanding that all

meetings will be held in places that are easily accessible to the public. Notification of all regular meetings

shall be included in the minutes and announced per Florida Sunshine State law.

The Ramblewood Elementary School SAF shall meet at least twice a year with the Ramblewood

Elementary School School Advisory Council with the time, date, and place of meeting to be determined by

mutual agreement of the SAC and SAF. Notification of all special meetings shall be included in the minutes

and announced per Florida Sunshine State law.

Section 2: Special Meetings:

a. A special meeting may be called when it is deemed necessary to conduct the business of the forum.

The Chairperson or a majority vote of the membership may call special meetings.

Notification of all

special meetings shall be included in the minutes and announced per Florida Sunshine State law.

#### ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS

These bylaws of the Ramblewood Elementary School SAF may be amended at any regular meeting by a

two-thirds affirmative vote of those eligible voters in attendance, provided that the amendment has been

submitted in writing at the previous meeting. Any amendment must conform to the Broward County School

Board Policy for School Advisory Forums; Policy 1.3.

#### ARTICLE VIII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall govern the

Ramblewood Elementary School School Advisory Forum.

Adopted

Septmeber 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025