

November Parent Council Report

- 1) Exemplary Practice Presentation - Jander Talen, a Grade 10 Teacher at Cochrane High School presented to the Board of Trustees. Jander was selected to be the Grosvenor Teacher Fellow on the National Geographic Society expedition to the Galapagos Islands. He shared his trip with us and his students. He uses connection to the environment and outdoor education with his students in a program he teaches called ROAMS (Rivers, Oceans and Mountain School).
- 2) Our second exemplary practice: students who had achieved 100% on one of their diploma exams during the June 2023 sitting. Two Chestermere students achieved this milestone – Rashveer Sandhu – Chemistry 30 and Baltroop Toor – Physics 30 along with two other students from Cochrane High School and George McDougall High School. Congratulations to these students on achieving excellence!
- 3) RVS specialists David Moore and Jane Roberts presented to the Board. To assist schools, the specialists come to the school, rather than the teachers come to the Education Centre. They attend specific schools for four to six week cycles, helping teachers with instruction. The specialists offer PL, team teaching, co-planning, modelling, one to one conversation about overall practice, small group work with department or grade teams – all to explore different approaches to pedagogy and build teacher capacity
- 4) A delegation presented their perspective on human sexuality at our Oct 19th Board meeting.
- 5) The Board approved an Ad Hoc naming committee for the new school in Langdon. AP – 5402 Naming of Facilities. The committee is tasked to put forward two names for consideration to the Board by February 1st, 2024. As the local trustee, I will be a part of this committee and we will read the new information that was provided at the October 17th presentation and then answer the questions.
- 6) RVS requests an additional 22 Modular Classrooms, as well as the relocation of 12 classrooms and one wet (washroom) unit. In addition, five surplus units were awarded to RVS from Alberta Education which the province will pay to deliver and set up. We are likely to find out this decision about modulares in March.
- 7) Last month, I shared information on the Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces (BASS). BASS seeks stakeholder feedback to help inform the Board's decision. Due to the size and scope of this engagement, the Board has added an extra Board Meeting date to handle delegations.
- 8) The Board welcomed School Councils to our joint meeting on October 26th. An excellent presentation from staff about Positive Behaviour Interventions and Supports (PBIS) discussed how RVS intends to create safe, positive, predictable, inclusive cultures. We also provided information to assist new chairs, new Chair packages, and provided information for schools as to how others have used their ASCE Grants. Our next Joint School Board Council meeting will be held March 14th, 2024.
- 9) Strategic Plan Priorities – Improving our Students' Learning. "Our instructional practices and supports are data driven." Multiple assessment tools are being used -Benchmark Assessment System, Math Intervention/Programming Instrument (MIPI), Alberta Numeracy Assessment. Net year we will have comparative numbers and will use them to assess direction even further. A sample bit of data from our Strategic Plan:

Number of in class presentations/work from Education Centre Staff regarding student mental Health – 1207.

This is just one of the stats you can find in our Year One Report. I encourage parents to look for this Strategic Plan on our RVS Website.

- 10) Given the high population growth in many of the communities within RVS, the Board determined a review of the current ward boundaries be completed. The last Review occurred in 2016. The review will include consultation with all communities within RVS and will be completed by December 2024.
- 11) The Annual Education Results Report highlights RVS' accomplishments, Initiatives and Stories. Highlights include - Majority of students in Grades 1-4 demonstrated growth in literacy and numeracy skills; students feel they can get the help they need in school but also indicated they could use support in developing conflict resolution skills. Overall diploma exams are at the provincial average while our high school completion rates are better than the provincial average. The report lists the progress of specific actions taken the year before and identifies new actions to be taken in 2023/24.
- 12) The Board has ratified the mediator's report and awaits information from ATA local #35 to determine if they will agree to the mediator's report and previously agreed items.
- 13) The Board continues to move forward with the new Airdrie SW High School site. RVS' portion of the land will be used for a future Airdrie High School site.

Questions:

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