

## **Chestermere High School Meeting Minutes** **December 16, 2024**

Chris took us on a tour of the hair salon, the art room, the drama room, the home economics room, and the culinary room. We got to see the teachers and kids in action and see what was happening in those classrooms. We had lunch together provided by the culinary students and we talked about what the school had to offer to new students and for those students attending the High School in the coming years.

Shali talked about her trustee report quickly. Here is the trustee report:

### **CHESTERMERE STUDENT ACCOMODATION CONSULTATION**

There were approximately 204 responses to the survey an 67 in person attendees, and one delegation shared with the board on Dec 12th. The delegation topic request was to move FI grades 7- 9 to East Lake school.

The intent is for the board to make a decision on January 23rd, to take effect for next September, the 2025-26 school year.

### **PROPOSED CHANGES TO TRUSTEE ELECTIONS**

The province has indicated that school boards may require criminal record checks as part of nomination papers if they so choose. In order to do this, the board needs to pass a bylaw enabling the requirement.

Update – the bylaw has passed first reading. Two more readings must pass before Dec 31st in order for this requirement to be put in place.

Two bylaws regarding elections have passed third reading – one requiring 20 signatures for nomination papers (up from 10), and one requiring a \$100 deposit to accompany nomination papers.

### **2023/24 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS APPROVED**

Each year, school divisions are required to submit their audited financial statements to the Minister of Education by Nov. 30. Again this year, the auditors gave RVS a clean report for the 2023/24 audited financial statements. Congratulations to all staff involved in preparing the report and supporting the audit process.

Final revenues were \$314.7 million and expenses were \$314.2 million, resulting in a small surplus of approximately \$500,000.

RVS ended the year with \$7.7 million in total operating reserves (2.4 per cent of operating budget), well within the government’s mandated range of 1 to 3.2 per cent for 2023/24.

Most of those reserve dollars are within the Transportation function and cannot be used for other purposes in RVS. The audited financial statements are posted on RVS’ website.

### **NEW REGULATIONS FOR EDUCATION**

Bill 27 – Education Amendment Act

The bill would require teachers, principals, and school staff to get parental consent before agreeing to a student's request to change his or her preferred name or pronouns. Parents of students aged 15 and under must give consent before allowing the use of the new preferred name or pronouns. For students aged 16 and up, the school board will not need to get parental permission but will still have to notify parents.

Sexual health education will be an Opt In rather than Opt Out process – in other words, permission slips must be received by the school in order for students to participate in this class.

This bill would require that only biological females be allowed to participate in sports divisions where females make up the team.

Bill 29 – Fairness and Safety in Sport Act

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The meeting was finished at 1:15pm. Next meeting will take place on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 in the Learning Commons at 6pm.