



Joint
Board & School
Council Meeting

November 25, 2021

Agenda

Land Acknowledgment

Welcome & Introductions

Activity – Getting to know you

Administration Update

Board Update

Alberta School Council Engagement Grant

Breakout Sessions

Wrap-up

Rocky View Schools would like to acknowledge the land and recognize all the Indigenous Peoples whose footprints have marked these lands from time immemorial. Together, we can learn and honour the ways of knowing of Indigenous Peoples for all future generations.

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Administration

- COVID-19 Impacts on School Operations
 - Continue to follow direction and recommendation from Alberta Government and Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH)
 - Amazing resilience demonstrated by staff, students and families
 - Layered health measures in schools
 - Communicate when there are changes to the operations plans
 - Case notifications are going well – general information for entire school community
 - Rapid testing available to students under 12 when their school goes into Outbreak (10+ cases in 14 days) status
 - Handful of classes needing to shift to at-home learning for 10 calendar days as a result of 3 AHS confirmed cases in 5 calendar days

Administration

- Proof of Immunization / Proof of Negative Rapid Testing
 - Government of Alberta encouraged implementation of policies
 - RVS announced we would be requiring proof of immunization / negative tests just before Thanksgiving with details released on November 3
 - Multiple pathway option for staff/contractors/visitors/volunteers
 - Demonstrate proof of immunization via QR code
 - Show rapid test negative result from within the past 72 hours
 - Requirement does NOT apply to
 - People dropping something off in office/picking something up from office / dropping off children at school / picking up at school
 - RVS students
 - Minister affirmed as of Nov 17th “To be clear, there is no legislation in Alberta that requires K-12 students to have specific vaccinations to attend in person schools, nor is Alberta Education considering mandating vaccines of any kind for students in the K-12 education system.”
 - Parents entering the school beyond the office (e.g., meet with teacher, attend basketball game, attend indoor school event) – like a restaurant/ hockey rink – show QR code or proof of negative rapid test within past 72 hours
 - Phone, email and video conferencing if people do not want to participate in either pathway

Administration

- Draft K-6 Curriculum Feedback
 - RVS just completed a series of parent and staff feedback sessions
 - Attendance was light but strong messages received from attendees
 - In process of compiling the feedback and then we will share with government prior to government's January 7th deadline
 - We will post that feedback as well on our website
 - Encourage individuals that you can still share your thoughts on the draft K-6 curriculum by completing government's survey <https://www.alberta.ca/curriculum-have-your-say.aspx> or email the Education Minister education.minister@gov.ab.ca, the Premier premier@gov.ab.ca and/or your MLA
 - Anxiously await to see what government does with the feedback, what revisions are made based on the feedback and implementation next steps

Any Questions?

Board Update

- Return to School
 - Has not been without challenge and our sincere thanks goes out to all staff, students, and families for their understanding and patience
 - Focus continues to be how best to support health and wellness of students and staff and ensure that schools remain open with students learning in person
 - Decisions have been made that none of us individually wanted to make, but as a Board felt it necessary and in the best interest of the division, the students and families we serve, and the staff we employ
 - We look forward to a time where all public health measures can be removed in our schools, in our communities, and across our province.

Board Update continued

- RVS' Vision / Purpose / Values

- Role of the Board is to provide strategic direction and guidance to the Division

The Board of Trustees provides strategic direction and guidance to the Division through the establishment of foundation statements which help guide decisions of the Board and the Division. They articulate shared values that set the framework to help fulfill the mandate of student achievement while ensuring an organizational culture that is strong, healthy, and engaging.

- Board Policy 1 – Foundation Statements updated in April 2021 to better align with current language in the Four-Year Plan and current philosophy and practice found throughout RVS.
- Work will be starting next year on the creation of a divisional strategic plan

Vision

Rocky View Schools is a world-class learning organization where all students achieve their absolute best.

Purpose

Rocky View Schools connects with all students to ensure that everyone learns, belongs and succeeds.

Values

Learning

People

Community

Innovation

Values

Learning

We are student-centered, actively supporting students where they are at.

We create high-quality engaging environments where students take ownership of their learning.

We promote life-long learning.

People

We treat each other and ourselves with respect, kindness, and compassion.

We seek opportunities to collaborate, cooperate, and include others.

We learn from the diversity of our students, staff, and families.

Community

We engage with stakeholders and seek partnership opportunities.

We communicate to enhance relationships and build public trust.

We hold ourselves accountable for actions and results.

Innovation

We nurture creativity and critical thought.

We pursue new ways and challenge the status quo.

We encourage risk taking and recognize the importance of perseverance, commitment and courage.

Board Update continued

- Board Advocacy
 - 2021 /2022 Diploma Exams
 - Draft Curriculum Implementation
 - Advocacy Priorities
 - Space for Students
 - Funding for Students
 - Supports for Students
- Alberta School Councils Association Membership
 - All RVS school councils are members
 - Parental Engagement opportunity Sat Nov 27

Any Questions?

Alberta School Council Engagement Grant Details

- This grant provides funding to school authorities for each school in order to support school councils fulfilling their legislated responsibilities in the education system and enhancing parent involvement and engagement

\$500 per each school council

- All funds must be spent in year received, any unused funds must be returned to Alberta Education
- School councils must report annually to the Board on how the grant was handled and used

ASCE Grant – Guidelines

- RVS will provide the funding to each school directly
- Funds must not be directed to registered fundraising societies
- The decisions for the use of the funds must be made by the school councils and recorded in council minutes
- Funds are to be used to support school councils in fulfilling their legislated responsibilities and for parent involvement and engagement activities

Allowable use of Funds

Parent engagement activities and projects

- Workshops for parents to increase capacity for school council members;
- Information sessions on how parents can support student learning at home and at school;
- Parent resources and workshops on important topics such as, mental health and wellbeing, cyber bullying, healthy living, etc.;
- Programs to support multi-cultural and Indigenous families including, English language learners and First Nations, Metis and Inuit learners;
- Parent resources and tools in multiple languages;
- Events to engage parents on important local issues;
- Parent engagement in promoting the value of arts;
- Trainer/facilitator costs for the professional development, workshops or sessions associated with the above.

Non-Allowable use of Funds

- Entertainment costs, meals, snacks, other food;
- No capital asset purchases;
- Activities that have already taken place;
- Organization memberships or conference fees;
- Fundraising events;
- Prizes or incentives to parents and/or students;
- Payment to school board staff including honoraria, gifts;
- Entertainment activities such as barbeques, volunteer teas, movie nights, dances, concerts or performances, etc.

Internal Process for Tracking



Budget Manager Inquiry - Selection Criteria “Other”



\$500 of revenue funding will be allocated to each school

GL Account 1-115-370-0613-###

(### = school location code)



All spending will be charged to a new account code

GL Account 1-600-370-0613-###

(### = school location code)



This has been created and should be viewable by all schools, any questions can be directed to Cindy Stuart

Any Questions?

Breakout Rooms

Inclusion in RVS – what inclusion looks like in RVS with a focus on Positive Behaviour Interventions and Support (PBIS) strategies and how they are being implemented across the division.

Parent Engagement and Alberta School Councils Engagement Grant – discussion, brainstorming, and sharing of ideas on best practices for engaging with parents, and what councils can do with ASCE grant.

Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) – walk through of the ASCA website and discussion on all the resources and supports that ASCA provides for school councils.

RVS' Annual Education Results Report – review of RVS' 2020-2021 AERR, including 4 Year Plan survey results and how RVS is doing regarding achievement and progress related to the goals and outcomes of the 4YP.

Wrap Up

- Thank You!
- Save the Date – March 10, 2022
- Exit Ticket