



Joint Board & School Council Meeting

March 10, 2022

Agenda

Land Acknowledgment

Welcome & Introductions

Board Update

Administration Update

Alberta School Council Engagement Grant Usage

ASCA School Council Conference / AGM

I Got Mind Presentation

Wrap-up

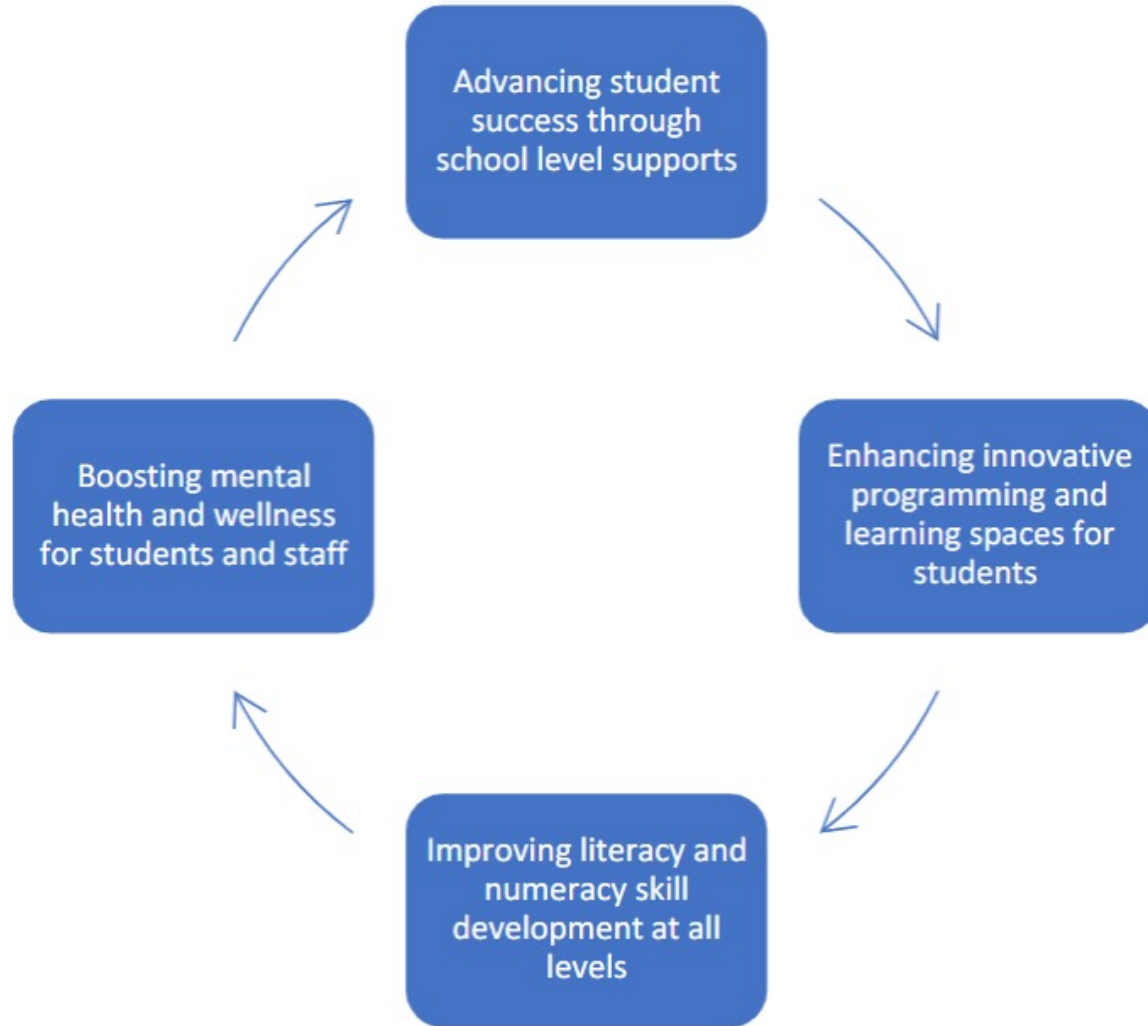
Rocky View Schools would like to acknowledge the land and recognize all the Indigenous Peoples whose footprints have marked these lands from time immemorial. Together, we can learn and honour the ways of knowing of Indigenous Peoples for all future generations.

Board Update – Strategic Plan

- High-level strategic planning is an integral component of the Board’s leadership and governance function
- Board Policy 9 – Strategic Plan creates the framework for the creation of a divisional strategic plan that reflects the community voice
- Critical to the success of the process, and the validity of the final product, is gathering feedback from all stakeholders
- Work set to begin in April with intention to be completed in Dec
- Watch your inbox and participate in the online engagement opportunities when they become available (May and Oct)

Board Update – Budget Priorities

- Rocky View Schools annual budget is driven by RVS' vision of being a **world-class learning organization** where all **students achieve their absolute best**. In support of RVS' Four-Year Plan to **foster innovators** in their **learning journey** and the **operational needs of the division**, the Board of Trustees identifies the following key priorities to guide the development of the 2022/2023 budget:



Board Update – Capital Announcement

- Modernization and expansion of Bow Valley High School announced as part of capital funding in Budget 2022
- While we celebrate this added space, we know other schools are facing significant growth and enrolment pressures.
- RVS grows by about 750 to 1,000 students annually, which is the equivalent of one to two new school builds each year
- The Board will continue to advocate for new schools in our division including two new urgently needed schools in Airdrie (K - 8) and Cochrane (K - 5).
- The Board will be considering the 2023-2026 Capital Plan at our meeting on March 24.

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Any Questions?

Administration

- Provincial Budget Overview
 - Released Feb. 24, 2022
 - Small provincial surplus anticipated
 - Government committing to increasing overall provincial education budget over the next three years
 - 1% increase described for base grant and operations and maintenance grant
 - 4.6% increase described for transportation grant
 - \$59MM for curriculum implementation across the province in 2022/23
 - \$30MM for student well-being across the province in 2022/23
- Funding manual and funding profile not released until sometime in March
- Without manual and profile, it is challenging to determine what these announcements mean for RVS
- Know we will have at least what we have this year or up to about \$11MM more but need to educate 900 new students plus inflationary pressure

Administration

- Draft K-6 Curriculum Update
 - RVS provided feedback from parent/staff sessions held in November to government
 - Alberta Education released update on draft K-6 curriculum on Dec. 13
 - Moved from 6 subjects to begin implementation K-6 in fall of 2022 to three subjects (English Language Arts & Literature, Math and Physical Education & Wellness)
 - Created advisory group to provide recommendations to government on implementation strategies
 - Released updated draft docs for
 - English Language Arts & Literature
 - Physical Education & Wellness
 - Fine Arts (Music)
 - Science

Administration

- Draft K-6 Curriculum Update (continued)
 - Rebuilding Social Studies based on the substantive feedback received (released outline – design blueprint)
 - Government hosted a series of online engagement sessions to gather feedback on the latest documents (Jan-Feb)
 - People also could provide feedback via survey until end of Feb.
<https://www.alberta.ca/curriculum-have-your-say.aspx>
 - Government's Have Your Say page includes a lengthy Q&A section in response to feedback they received

Administration

- Draft K-6 Curriculum Update (continued)
 - RVS' Learning Department is reviewing the updated drafts
 - Challenging as we cannot get too deep into the curriculum until the 'final' versions are released
 - Board committed funding to support some professional learning for teachers on the new curriculum this spring
 - Unsure of government's plan for rollout – will it be the three subject areas for K through 6 all in year 1 or select grades only? Still undecided by government
 - Resources to support the new curriculum are unknown

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Alberta School Council Engagement Grant Usage

- Shared info at Nov meeting regarding this \$500 grant from government
- Reminder that you have until end of Aug to spend the money
- What has your council used the money for?

ASCA School Councils Conference/AGM Update & Support

- Takes place April 22-24, online format
- Registration is open and RVS is again sponsoring members to participate
- Details on how to apply for financial support will be shared with School Council Chairs and Principals tomorrow
- The AGM resolution package is available now at www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca
 - RVS' George MacDougall High School has an advocacy position coming to the floor re: Diploma Exam weighting
 - Proxy voting is available if your council is unable to attend

MENTAL WEALTH: INVESTING IN YOUR CHILD'S MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

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FEATURING BOB WILKIE
President of I Got Mind Inc.

Wrap Up

- Thank You!