



Joint
Board & School
Council Meeting

March 23, 2023

Agenda

Land Acknowledgment

Welcome & Introductions

Dinner

Administration Update

Board Update

Table Discussions

- Advocacy Efforts
- Creating Effective School Council Agendas and Annual Work Plans
- Parent and Community Engagement

Thank you and Adjournment

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.

2021-2025 RVS Board of Trustees



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Dinner

Administration

• Budget Update

- Provincial budget announced on Feb. 28th and specific funding profiles released on March 9th
- Overall, in 2023/24 our funding (\$267.7 million) is up \$11.9 million from what we would have received with last year's formula and our projected 2023/24 student enrolment (\$255.8 million).
- It is important to note that most of the new funding generated comes from grants to address the provincially negotiated teacher settlement, transportation services, operations and maintenance, system administration and supports for complex learners resulting in pressure put on instruction funding.

Administration

- Budget Update (continued)
 - Example of impact of Weighted Moving Average in RVS anticipated in 2023/24:
 - In 2023/24 RVS is projecting 19,946 Grade 1 to 9 students.
 - In 2023/24 RVS will receive basic instruction funding for 19,575 Grade 1 to 9 students (19,444 in base grant and 131 Kathryn students are funding via Small School grant).
 - RVS will NOT receive basic instruction funding for 370 Grade 1 to 9 students that we must educate.
 - Even with approximately \$600,000 of supplemental enrolment growth funding for the Grades 1 to 9 population, the net impact of the WMA in base instruction funding for the Grade 1 to 9 students in RVS is \$1.8 million less funding (or 16 less teachers).

Administration

- Budget Update (continued)

- We appreciate the province is recognizing the growing complexity in classrooms and is providing additional funding to support this and for students with specialized needs.
- Funding for students with specialized needs climbs from about \$19 million in 2022/23 up to \$21.4 million in 2023/24 (up nearly 13 per cent).
- New funding is provided to recognize and help address the growing complexity of classrooms. This amounts to \$1.37 million in new funding for RVS to hire some additional staff and/or train existing staff.

Administration

- Budget Update (continued)
 - Transportation service requirements by the province will be phased in over the next two years and will see more riders qualify for transportation.
 - Currently, while the province requires school divisions to provide transportation to students who live 2.4 km from their school, RVS has been providing transportation service to elementary students living at least 1.5 km from their school and 2 km for high school students.
 - Under new provincial guidelines, this will change in 24/25 to 1 km for elementary and 2 km for high schools. To fund this, we saw a significant increase in transportation funding to RVS. Transportation funding climbs from \$13.6 million up to \$17.5 million.

Administration

- Powell Street consultation
 - Getting close to the end of the consultation process in helping provide the Board information related to the use of the school on Powell Street in Cochrane which has returned to RVS. Anticipate a decision by the Board in late April.
- New Langdon area high school
 - Likely to begin consultation on the grade configuration and attendance area for the new high school being built in Langdon. The school is scheduled to open in fall of 2024. Stay tuned for details on consultation.
- Four-year education plan
 - In alignment with the Board's strategic plan, a new education plan is being developed and finalized this spring. Based on nearly 30,000 comments we received in spring of 2022 and input from staff in Feb. 2023, a draft was created and currently out for feedback. RVSEngage.com to share your thoughts on the draft goals and outcomes.

Strategic Plan Update

- The Board of Trustees believes that high-level strategic planning is an integral component of its governance and leadership roles as it sets the stage for success in advancing the Division's vision of **RVS as a world-class learning organization where all students achieve their absolute best**
- It is important to the Board that the strategic plan reflects the community voice so thank you for your feedback and input – over 10,000 individuals including parents, staff, students, and community members provided input and feedback
- On December 15, 2022 the Board approved the strategic plan



2022 – 2026 STRATEGIC PLAN

Purpose

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

Vision

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

Priorities



Improving our students' learning



Strengthening our workforce



Bolstering our infrastructure



Connecting with our community

ASCA conference update

- On an annual basis, the Board of Trustees provides an Alberta School Councils Association membership for all Rocky View Schools (RVS) School Councils. As RVS trustees, we value the role of school councils in our school division and are grateful for the support that the ASCA provides.
- We are excited about the upcoming ASCA AGM & Conference from April 21-23 and wanted to provide a few helpful reminders about the opportunity school councils have to vote at the Annual General Meeting on April 23rd, 2023.
- This year, the Annual General Meeting will be held both in-person and virtually, with one voting delegate from each school council able to attend free of cost.
- If a school council member is planning to attend and vote as the delegate for their school council, they will need to fill out the credential voting form, This form will need to be signed by your school council chair.

ASCA conference update

- In addition to providing the opportunity for an individual other than the Chair to attend as the delegate, ASCA also allows school councils to provide a proxy vote for another school council. This means that if you are aware of another school council attending with a delegate, you can authorize them to vote on your school council's behalf.
- The 2023 Proposed Resolutions Review Package is available on the ASCA website. We would encourage all school councils that are planning to send a delegate to the AGM, to review the package together to provide direction on support for the items being debated.
- Please see one of us if you have questions about assigning a proxy vote, we can help you set that up tonight before you leave.

Advocacy update – Space for Students

- Sept 2022 – met with Education Minister LaGrange
- Oct-Dec 2022 – met with 6 out of 7 RVS municipal governments
- Oct-Dec 2022 – met with all 5 RVS area MLAs – Leela Aheer, Angela Pitt, Honourable Pete Guthrie, Speaker Nathan Cooper and Miranda Rosin.
- Capital Announcement occurred on Feb 28 – included no construction funding for RVS
- March 9 met with Minister LaGrange and DM Andre Tremblay – assurance that the 4 schools at the top of our capital priorities are in a gated process – design, planning and pre-planning and will get funded for construction as soon as they are ready



Table Discussions

1. Election Advocacy for Parents / Community members led by Chair Norma Lang
2. Creating Effective School Council Agendas and Annual Work Plans led by Board Vice Chair Shelley Kinley
3. Parent and Community Engagement led by Trustee Fiona Gilbert

Wrap Up

- Thank You!
- Check out the School Council website – recent slides and recording of chair orientation and bylaws workshop, templates, etc.

https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/get_involved/school_councils