



Indigenous Advisory Circle

Terms of Reference

Purpose:

To provide guidance and support to the Board and the Division as RVS works to create an environment where all students and staff are knowledgeable, understanding and respectful of the rich diversity of Indigenous cultures while honouring Indigenous history, cultures, languages and perspectives.

Membership:

- a) Two Trustees
- b) Bearspaw First Nation representative
- c) Chiniki First Nation representative
- d) Goodstoney First Nation representative
- e) Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3 representative
- f) Siksika First Nation representative
- g) Tsuut'ina First Nation representative
- h) Elder commonly working with RVS
- i) Superintendent of Schools
- j) Associate Superintendent of Learning
- k) ATA Local #35 representative
- l) Director of Indigenous Learning
- m) Three RVS students (two of which must be Indigenous students)

The meeting will be co-chaired by a Trustee and an Indigenous representative.

Authority:

- a) Make recommendations for the Board's consideration related to:
 - a. advancing Indigenous student success
 - b. reconciliation efforts
 - c. creating an environment where all students learn about Indigenous ways of being and knowing
- b) Make recommendations for the Superintendent's considerations related to:
 - a. professional learning for staff
 - b. programs for students
 - c. protocol matters
- c) Request relevant information from the Superintendent

Areas of Focus:

Areas of focus include:

- a) Developing plans to help share and apply foundational knowledge about Indigenous peoples and their ways of being and knowing for the benefit of all students
- b) Advising on how best to support Indigenous student success
- c) Supporting and recommending strategies for reconciliation efforts in schools
- d) Suggesting relevant professional learning/development for all or select groups in RVS
- e) Providing guidance on protocol matters



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Meetings:

Five meetings will be scheduled throughout the school year typically in late September, November, January, March, and May.

Minutes:

A meeting summary will be drafted by recording secretary and approved by committee at next meeting.

Remuneration:

Trustees will be remunerated as per Board Policy 27 – Trustee Compensation and Development. External committee members will receive an honorarium as per Administrative Procedure 5110 - Claims for Payment of Travel at each meeting.

Budget:

To be established during the Board's annual budget process.