

THE BRIEF

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

November 25, 2021

Annual Education Results Report Showcases Students' Success in 2020/21

- The Rocky View Schools (RVS) Board of Trustees approved the 2020/21 Annual Education Results Report (AERR) which will be submitted to Alberta Education by Nov. 30. The AERR reports the division's performance measures related to RVS' Four-Year Plan and highlights accomplishments and initiatives from the previous year.
- As the first full school year during the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020/21 had its challenges but also presented opportunities for new approaches to learning. The AERR celebrates many successes through stories shared and demonstrates the resiliency of students, teachers, staff and families as they continued to adapt to shifting circumstances.
- A few highlights include:
 - RVS remained committed to advancing literacy and numeracy in schools, while also addressing the increased mental health needs associated with the pandemic
 - Approximately 3,000 students took part in RVS Online Learning spanning Grades 1 to 12. This was an entirely new RVS offering that required a select group of teachers, learning assistants and other staff to develop a new toolbox of teaching approaches to keep students engaged
 - RVS implemented a new, customized Education Plan Survey for students, staff, and parents/guardians to complete in the spring of 2021. The questions were developed by a local committee of educators and tied specifically to the outcomes in the Four-Year Plan. Over 10,000 stakeholders responded, providing valuable feedback for shaping local school education plans and to demonstrate progress on the division's Four-Year Plan
- The 2020/21 AERR is available at rockyview.ab.ca

Audited Financial Statements Approved by the Board

- The Board approved RVS' Audited Financial Statements for 2020/21. These will be submitted to Alberta Education by Nov. 30 as part of the annual financial reporting requirements for school divisions in Alberta.
- The evolving and unpredictable impacts of COVID-19 introduces greater uncertainty in the school year creating challenges for a range of planning activities including the budgeting process. The inability to accurately anticipate the pandemic's impact on fund utilization from what would occur in a typical year has resulted in the division's year-end surplus.
- The final results for 2020/21 included revenue of \$284.9 million, expenses of \$279.5 million and a net surplus of \$5.4 million.

Trustees Appointed to Naming Committees for Online Schools

- After successfully delivering an online learning option to families in the 2020/21 school year, the Board voted to create two permanent online schools beginning in 2021/22 under temporary names. To build school culture and identity, each school is engaging its community to propose options for permanent names.
- The Board designated Ward 1 Trustee, Shali Baziuk to sit on a naming committee for the RVS Online School (RVSO) and Board Vice-Chair, Norma Lang to sit on a naming committee for the RVS Elementary/Middle Online School (RVSEMO) naming committee.
- Each naming committee will recommend at least two naming options for the Board to consider in spring 2022.

RVS Trustees Represent the Board at ASBA

- RVS is an active member of the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) and is pleased to be represented locally by our trustees.
- Trustee Baziuk was elected Vice-President of ASBA during the association's Fall General Meeting Nov. 16 in Edmonton and will hold this position for a two-year term.
- On Nov. 12, Trustee Bowen was elected Vice-Chair of ASBA Zone 5 and Trustee Hunter was elected Alternate Director. The two trustees will take on additional duties as representatives at ASBA Zone 5.