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## **RVSLA Students Mentor and Connect With Younger Learners**

- RVS Student Leadership Academy (RVSLA) Year 2 students Rylie Dolhan, Toby Carter and Kaisha Snyder and Teacher Lauren Curry presented a Student Showcase to the Board of Trustees (the Board) spotlighting Project ROAR (Reach Out And Reconnect).
- Project ROAR is a pilot online mentorship program for elementary and middle school learners designed and implemented by high school students. The program features monthly online sessions with groups of younger students and their older student mentors, as well as one-on-one time. It is meant to nurture connection during a challenging period where many students have moved into an online learning environment.
- Year 2 RVSLA students explained how they have adapted during the COVID-19 pandemic to find ways to engage and support younger students in RVS. Because of the pandemic, the students could not offer the Middle School Leadership conference and instead launched Project ROAR.

## **Board Updated on Prince of Peace Lutheran School**

- In February, RVS was notified by the landlord of the Prince of Peace Lutheran School property that it was terminating the school's lease effective Aug. 5, 2022. Shortly after, the Board informed families and staff of the decision.
- RVS is disappointed about the future loss of the property, which has been home to the Prince of Peace community for several years. Space for students is a growing need in RVS.
- Losing the school site has caused the Board and RVS administration to explore options and decide the future of the school. Discussions have begun, and RVS is in the early days of that process.

## **Ad Hoc Joint Use / Reserves Agreement Committee to Move Forward**

- The Board appointed Trustee Judi Hunter and Trustee Patty Sproule to represent RVS on the committee developing a Joint Use/Reserves Agreement with Rocky View County (RVC), Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) and FrancoSud.
- RVC voted to terminate the previous Reserves Agreement with RVS and CCSD on Oct. 22, 2019. As required by the *Municipal Government Act*, the County must enter into a new agreement with the school divisions before 2023.

## **Board Hears Implications of Budget 2021**

- On Feb. 25, the Government of Alberta unveiled Budget 2021. The government has committed to keep funding stable for school authorities and stated no school authority will receive less funding in 2021/22 than they did in 2020/21.
- In 2020, the Province introduced a new funding framework and a weighted moving average (WMA) enrolment calculation methodology. RVS' WMA calculation in 2020/21 and 2021/22 will be based on projected enrolment, which is positive because, as with many other jurisdictions, less students attended RVS in 2020/21. RVS is awaiting details on its specific funding profile.
- RVS is also keen to learn if the government will approve its request for new schools and modular units to provide needed space for students.

## **Budget Development Process Approved**

- The Board set its Budget Development Process for the 2021/22 school year. Based on the approved process, the budget will be tabled for the Board to consider on May 20.

## **Board Renews Superintendent Luterbach's Contract**

- The Board is delighted to renew Superintendent Luterbach's contract for the term of September 2021 – August 2026.
- RVS Board, students, staff and school communities have benefited from Superintendent Luterbach's strong, caring and dedicated leadership for the past five years and the Board is excited to continue to work with him for another five years.
- As part of the process defined by Alberta Education, the Board will submit a tentative contract along with the necessary forms to the Minister of Education for approval.