



**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD VIRTUALLY**

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Chair, Ward 6 Fiona Gilbert
Vice-Chair, Ward 1 Shali Baziuk
Ward 2 Patty Sproule
Ward 3 Melyssa Bowen
Ward 3 Todd Brand
Ward 3 Jim Forrest
Ward 4 Norma Lang
Ward 5 Judi Hunter

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools Greg Luterbach
Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations Larry Paul
Director of Communications Tara de Weerd
Communications Officer Ben Sherick

RECORDER:

Executive Assistant Jennie Thompson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Fiona Gilbert called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

#784-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board of Trustees ratifies the decision to proceed with today's public Board meeting as a virtual meeting in response to the COVID-19 health measures and restrictions currently in place in Alberta.

CARRIED

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

#785-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the March 18, 2021, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

Sherri Black and Lori Meyer joined the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

IN CAMERA

#786-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE PATTY SPROULE:

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 9:33 a.m.

CARRIED

Sherri Black and Lori Meyer left the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#787-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 10:06 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#788-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the March 4, 2021, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: STORY WORKSHOP

Teachers: Alison Humphrys, Carleen Pocklington, Kelsey Bagnall

Project Description

To support young children's literacy, teachers Alison Humphrys, Carleen Pocklington and Kelsey Bagnall have incorporated Story Workshop into their classrooms.

Story Workshop is an approach supporting literacy built upon four pillars: the sharing of stories, immersion in the arts, time for play and a focus on meaning-making.

The approach started at Opal School and has since been embraced in school districts around the world. Story Workshop began with a simple question embraced by teacher-researchers: What is the connection between literacy and the arts? (Opal School, 2018)

Alison, Carleen and Kelsey have also shared this approach with other teachers in RVS by co-leading professional learning sessions. Story Workshop can also be shared with other schools and educators using social media, and through RVS' Literacy webpage.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Colette Winter joined the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

3 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

#789-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees approve the 2022-2025 Capital Plan Priorities as presented, directing administration to submit the Capital Plan Priorities to Alberta Education.

#790-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK TO AMEND THE CAPITAL PLAN PRIORITIES:

The Board of Trustees amend the Capital Plan Priorities by swapping #7 - Chestermere High School and #4 - Chestermere K-9.

DEFEATED

VOTING ON MOTION #789-2021:

The Board of Trustees approve the 2022-2025 Capital Plan Priorities as presented, directing administration to submit the Capital Plan Priorities to Alberta Education.

CARRIED

Colette Winter left the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEXT STEPS

#791-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE PATTY SPROULE:

The Board begin the school closure process for Prince of Peace Lutheran School as per Policy 15 and the timeline outlined above.

CARRIED

2021 ZONE 5 EDWIN PARR AWARD NOMINATION

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the 2021 Zone 5 Edwin Parr Award Nomination as presented.

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Gilbert recognized the one-year anniversary of the unprecedented province wide closure of schools due to concern around the spread of COVID-19 and extended the Board's sincere gratitude to all Rocky View Schools administrators, teachers and staff for going above and beyond over this past year.

Chair Gilbert acknowledged receipt of a response letter from Government of Canada regarding Safe to Return to Class Fund dollars that were received by Rocky View Schools.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Budget Committee meet on March 4 and drafted budget priorities for 2021/22 fiscal year. These budget priorities are being brought forward for the Board's consideration today.

#792-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board of Trustees approves the 2021/22 budget priorities as outlined.

CARRIED

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Planning Committee met on March 4 and the agenda included a high-level review of the proposed Capital Plan and the Committee recommended that it be brought forward for the Boards consideration today. The Committee also had some exploratory conversation regarding Prince of Peace Lutheran School and provided feedback to the School Councils Committee on the upcoming Joint Board School Council meeting.

TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Todd Brand, Ward Three Trustee:

Mar 8 Attended the Meadowbrook School Council
Mar 9 Attended the Ralph McCall School Council
Mar 10 Participated in Board Strategic Planning re: Mission, Vision, Values and Beliefs
Mar 16 Participated in a Board Advocacy Committee Meeting
Mar 16 Attended the R.J. Hawkey School Council
Mar 17 Attended the Bert Church School Council
Mar 18 Participated in the Regular Board and Planning Meeting

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

Mar 3 Attended the monthly Crossfield Elementary School Council meeting
Mar 3 Participated in a PDLC committee meeting via Zoom
Mar 4 Participated in the Board and Board Planning Committee Meetings
Mar 9 Attended the monthly Kathryn School Council Meeting
Mar 10 Participated in a full day Strategic Planning Workshop at the Education Centre
Mar 16 Attended the Beiseker School Council Meeting via Zoom
Mar 17 Observed RVS students participating in the annual Calgary Regional Skills Competition

Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:

Mar 4 Attended Board Meeting
Mar 5 Attended ASBA Zone 5 Meeting
Mar 10 Attended Elbow Valley School Council Meeting
Mar 10 Attended Strategic Planning Session
Mar 10 Attended Bearspaw School Council Meeting
Mar 11 Attended Elbow Valley School Council Meeting
Mar 12 Attended ASBA Zone 5 meeting with Minister LaGrange
Mar 12 Attended Law seminar
Mar 12 Attended Diversity and Inclusion Webinar

NEW BUSINESS

#793-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JIM FORREST:

The Board of Trustees directs the Board Chair to request a meeting with the Minister of Education and the Minister of Infrastructure to share our disappointment with the lack of capital infrastructure funding for Rocky View Schools and highlight the Board's new 3-year capital plan.

CARRIED

#794-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board of Trustees approves the addition of a public Board meeting on Thursday May 13, 2021 beginning at 10 a.m.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 12:26 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer