



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

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 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 9:31 a.m.

#814-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

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

#815-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the April 22, 2021, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

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

IN CAMERA

#816-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

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

CARRIED

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#817-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 10:05 a.m.

CARRIED

Sherry Black and Lori Meyer left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

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

#818-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the April 1, 2021, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: ACTION RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP WITH FACULTY ST. JEAN

Presenters: Julie Vaillancourt, Dr. Martine Pellerin, Tori Page, Erin Siddall, Alexandra Galbraith, Stacy-Ann Pothier, Carolane Contant, Meggie Martin, Jean-François Bolduc

Rocky View Schools has partnered with the University of Alberta's Faculty St. Jean for an 18-month research project. The project intends to build knowledge and understanding of how to meet the needs of all learners in a French Immersion online setting. Together with Dr. Martine Pellerin, RVS teachers and staff are:

- Exploring a blended virtual learning environment model entailing a combination of virtual (online/offline) learning environments
- Providing professional development to online teachers
- Enhancing pedagogical practices that foster teachers' and students' connectedness in online learning environments
- Exploring inclusive and innovative practices that support and guide more vulnerable students.

The goal of the project is to use findings to leverage technology and better meet the needs of all students, regardless of programs in schools or online.

This research project aligns with Goal 2 of RVS' Four-Year Plan – Achieving the students' potential. French Immersion teachers have been exploring ways to design instruction that lines up with students' personal learning styles and capabilities. Students develop foundational skills and core competencies to acquire, create, connect and communicate knowledge in a variety of contexts. Teachers have also developed a partnership with the parent community through their work.

The knowledge gained through this project is currently shared with several other educators. On a weekly basis, the participants have a drop-in discussion for all French Immersion educators where they share their learning and discuss ideas and strategies. Strategies are also being shared on Twitter. The teachers participating in this project are also supporting their colleagues who are teaching in-person. Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:44 a.m.
Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

FUNDING PROFILE UPDATE

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Funding Profile Update as information.

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

The Board of Trustees appreciates the participation of the many parents, students, staff and community members that attended the public consultation held on April 14 regarding the potential closure of Prince of Peace Lutheran School, and for the stream of continued feedback that is being received by the Board via email. It is through the engagement of stakeholders in this process that the Board will be able to make an informed decision.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE JIM FORREST:

The Advocacy committee met on April 13, 2021 and continued discussions on the three priorities – student health, local decision making and mental wellness. The committee will be bringing forward to the Board in May an opportunity to discuss how to make space for new schools.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Planning committee met on April 13, 2021 to review the recently released draft Kindergarten – Grade 6 curriculum and provided feedback to the Superintendent.

TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Patty Sproule, Ward Two Trustee:

Apr 12	Attended Prince of Peace School Council Meeting
Apr 13	Participated in Board Special Planning Meeting
Apr 14	Participated in Public consultation re: Prince of Peace
Apr 15	Participated in Strategic Planning Framework Workshop
Apr 19	Attended Sarah Thompson School Council Meeting
Apr 22	Participated in Regular board Meeting
Apr 25	Participated in Langdon Healthy Communities Meeting
Apr 27	Attended Langdon School Council Meeting
Apr 28	Participated in Chestermere Mental Health Coalition Meeting
May 05	Participated in Budget Meeting

Melyssa Bowen, Ward Three Trustee:

Verbal Update: Gave a presentation to CW Perry students on democracy and the role of the Board together with Trustee Forrest.

Jim Forrest, Ward Three Trustee:

- Apr 12 Attended Meadowbrook School Council
- Apr 13 Participated in an Additional Planning Committee Meeting
- Apr 13 Participated in an Advocacy Planning Committee Meeting
- Apr 14 Attended the Prince of Peace Public Consultation Meeting
- Apr 15 Participated in a Board Strategic Planning Framework Workshop
- Apr 16 Attended a Professional Learning Session on Inclusion
- Apr 20 Attended R.J. Hawkey School Council
- Apr 20 Participated in a Presentation re: the Role of Trustees with Trustee Bowen @ C.W. Perry
- Apr 21 Attended Bert Church High School Council
- Apr 22 Participated in the RVS Regular Board and Planning Meeting

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

Verbal Update: Have observed many School Council Chairs at School Council meetings reporting on the learnings they took from the Joint Board School Council meeting. Thank you to the meeting organizers for creating a successful event.

- Apr 1 Participated in the regular board meeting via Zoom
- Apr 1 Participated with board and senior management in an RVS strategic planning session
- Apr 12 Participated in a TEBA meeting
- Apr 13 Participated in a board planning meeting
- Apr 13 Attended the monthly Kathryn School Council meeting and shared a report
- Apr 14 Attended the monthly Crossfield Elementary School Council meeting and delivered a trustee report
- Apr 14 Attended the Prince of Peace community consultation
- Apr 15 Participated in a strategic planning workshop with the board and RVS senior administration
- Apr 16 Attended a TEBA meeting
- Apr 20 Attended the Beiseker Community School Council meeting and delivered a report

Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:

- Apr 1 Attended Board Meeting
- Apr 13 Attended Elbow Valley School Council Meeting
- Apr 14 Attended Prince of Peace Community Engagement Meeting
- Apr 15 Strategic Planning meeting
- Apr 16-17 Attended Inclusion Alberta Conference
- Apr 21 Springbank High School Council Meeting
- Apr 21 Banded Peak School Council Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

BOARD POLICY 1

#819-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board of Trustees approves the attached Board Policy 1 – Foundation Statements.

#820-2021 MOTION TO AMEND BY TRUSTEE JIM FORREST:

Strike out third bullet of “innovation” sub-heading and replace it with “we encourage risk taking and recognize the importance of perseverance, commitment and courage.”

CARRIED

VOTING ON #819-2021 MOTION AS AMENDED:

The Board of Trustees approves the amended Board Policy 1 – Foundation Statements.

CARRIED

#821-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees send a letter to the Minister Health asking for increased accountability, assurance, and transparency of recent decisions and their effect on student mental health and wellbeing, and to advocate for front line school staff to be prioritized for vaccinations.

SUBSTITUTED

#822-2021 MOTION TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

Divide the question into two separate motions:

(1) The Board of Trustees send a letter to the Minister Health asking for increased accountability, assurance, and transparency of recent decisions and their effect on student mental health and wellbeing.

(2) The Board of Trustees send a letter to the Minister Health to advocate for front line school staff to be prioritized for vaccinations.

CARRIED

#823-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees send a letter to the Minister Health asking for increased accountability, assurance, and transparency of recent decisions and their effect on student mental health and wellbeing.

CARRIED

#824-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees send a letter to the Minister Health to advocate for front line school staff to be prioritized for vaccinations.

CARRIED

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 12:39 p.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

Steve Thomas joined the meeting at 1:12 p.m.

IN CAMERA

#825-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 1:12 p.m.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#826-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 2:00 p.m.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer