



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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 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 10:10 a.m.

#898-2021 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

#899-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the September 23, 2021, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#900-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the September 9, 2021, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: GAMIFICATION IN ELEMENTARY SOCIAL STUDIES, SARAH THOMPSON SCHOOL

Teachers: Geeta Behal, Kristie Mackie, Sarah McLeod

Student Presenters: Mya Arnold (Grade 4), Katalina Crozier (Grade 4), Brandon McMillan (Grade 3), Elliott Rosa (Grade 3)

Project Description

To make the social studies curriculum more engaging for their students, Sarah Thompson School Teachers Getta Behal, Kristie Mackie and Sarah McLeod have introduced gamification to create Survive and Thrive. The central idea of the game revolves around two statements:

- Grade 2 – Diversity enriches communities through relationships, perspectives, change, and citizenship.
- Grade 3 – Diversity enriches global communities through relationships, perspective, change, and citizenship.

Survive and Thrive begins with a story describing a setting and situation for the students. As students play, they are given “situations” (small problems they must solve that drive the game forward) and “encounters” (larger problems that are directly connected to the curriculum and have students inquire into concepts to make decisions and/or find solutions). The game encourages students to build and use 21st century competencies.

Survive and Thrive engages students through roleplaying, where their creativity and agency drives the direction of the learning. In this approach, teachers apply multiple disciplines to deliver key concepts of the curriculum. The concepts that are taught allow students to transfer their knowledge through the gaming experience. These authentic experiences allow students to apply their learning to real-life situations. Further, the game is highly engaging, fun, and allows for multiple entry points for all students.

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

CMR 2022/2023 LIST

#901-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees affirms administration’s list of CMR projects for 2022/23 year in the priority order listed.

CARRIED

PRELIMINARY ENROLMENT UPDATE

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Preliminary Enrolment Update as information.

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Gilbert attended via Zoom the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Board Chairs meeting on September 14th. The purpose of the meeting was to bring together all Board Chairs from across the province to discuss and share feedback on school re-entry and ASBA's draft K – Gr 6 curriculum engagement. It was informative and provided good opportunity to hear what is happening across the province regarding these two very important issues.

School Board elections are scheduled for October 18, 2021, and 16 individuals have put their names forward to serve as a trustee in Rocky View Schools. It is great to see this level of engagement from our community. There will be elections in 4 of the wards, with two incumbent candidates acclaimed and set to serve another term on the board. Congratulations to Ward 1 Trustee Shali Baziuk and Ward 4 Trustee Norma Lang on their acclamations, and all the best to the other 14 individuals.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board Planning Committee met on September 9, 2021 and received a report from the Ad Hoc Orientation Committee regarding upcoming sessions for trustee candidates. The committee reviewed the 2022/2023 CMR project list and recommended that it be brought forward for the Boards consideration. Discussion items included how best to allocate funds for various community-based initiatives, and Board meeting locations for the next few meetings given the ongoing renovations at the Education Centre as well as the evolving pandemic.

TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Shali Baziuk, Ward One Trustee:

Sep 2 ASBA advocacy meeting
Sep 2 ASBA special board of directors meeting
Sep 4 RVS board round table
Sep 9 ASBA board of directors meeting
Sep 9 RVS board and planning meeting
Sep 10 ASBA Zone meeting
Sep 13 Agenda setting meeting
Sep 13 ASBA advocacy meeting
Sep 15 School councils committee meeting
Sep 15 RCES council meeting
Sep 16 ASBA Board of Directors meeting
Sep 16 Check in meeting with RVS board
Sep 17 ASBA Committee meeting
Sep 20 ASBA Advocacy committee meeting
Sep 22 East Lake school council meeting

Jim Forrest, Ward Three Trustee:

Sep 13 Attended Meadowbrook School Council
Sep 14 Attended Ralph McCall School Council
Sep 15 Participated in a School Councils Committee Meeting
Sep 16 Attended Bert Church School Council
Sep 16 Participated in a "First Team" Check-in and Round Table

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

- Sep 1 Orientation committee meeting
- Sep 4 Board planning committee meeting
- Sep 9 Board and board planning committee meetings
- Sep 9 TEBA 61 meeting
- Sep 13 BCS meeting with council chair and admin
- Sep 13 Crossfield Community Fest
- Sep 14 Crossfield and District Chamber Board of Directors meeting
- Sep 14 TEBA BOD meeting
- Sep 14 RVS Candidate Info Session
- Sep 21 BCS school council meeting

Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:

- Sep 9 Attended Board Meeting
- Sep 14 Attended Westbrook School Council Meeting
- Sep 15 Attended Springbank High School Council Meeting
- Sep 15 Attended Banded Peak School Council Meeting
- Sep 17 Participated in ASBA Zone 5 meeting

Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:

Verbal Update: Have attended quite a few school council meetings since the start of the school year and have been impressed with the number of parents who are participating.

- Sep 9 Chaired Board and Planning Committee meetings
- Sep 13 Participated in Board Agenda Planning Committee
- Sep 13 Attended Cochrane High School Council meeting
- Sep 15 Participated in School Councils Committee meeting
- Sep 15 Attended part of Fireside, Elizabeth Barrett, and Glenbow School Councils meetings
- Sep 16 Attended Bow Valley High School Council meeting
- Sep 17 Participated in ASBA Committee meeting
- Sep 21 Attended RancheView School Council meeting

NEW BUSINESS**PROVINCIAL DIPLOMA EXAMS 2021-22****#902-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:**

The Board of Trustees send a letter to the Alberta Minister of Education requesting that provincial diploma examinations be made optional (by student choice) for this current 2021-22 school year.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer