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A. E. Bowers Students Recreate Historic Airdrie Using Minecraft

- The Rocky View Schools (RVS) Board of Trustees (the Board) heard a presentation from a group at A. E. Bowers who used the video game Minecraft to recreate historic Airdrie as it would have looked in 1910. This project was part of the Grade 1 students' social studies curriculum, where they learned how they are connected to their worlds with a focus on their local community.
- Through the project, students learned how Airdrie has changed over time, what makes their community thrive and how they can actively engage with their community. Besides social studies, students also used math, science, group work, problem-solving and technology/coding skills.

Board Votes to Create Indigenous Advisory Committee

- The Board voted to strike an Indigenous Advisory Committee to give guidance to the Board for the development of a Reconciliation Action Plan. The motion also directed the superintendent to create a Terms of Reference that includes Indigenous voices and representation. This Terms of Reference will be considered at the Organizational Meeting of the newly elected Board of Trustees on Oct. 28, following the 2021 Municipal Election.
- This committee will be an asset to the board as it navigates a plan for truth and reconciliation, and the Board feels it is a step in the right direction as it puts that plan into action.

Future Airdrie High School Sites to be Secured Thanks to RVS and Multi-Party Collaboration

- To plan for future high school needs in Airdrie, the Board endorsed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Airdrie, Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD), FrancoSud and BILD Calgary Region. The MOU is the result of the five parties' effective collaboration as the High School Land Assembly Committee, which began meeting in February.
- This five-party agreement lays the planning to provide high school sites in Airdrie for the next 45 years. The committee anticipates needing 168 acres of land for eight new high schools by 2065. Not all those schools would be under RVS' jurisdiction. To meet that need, each party will provide land or funds.

- The City of Airdrie and BILD Calgary Region have already reviewed the recommended land assembly solution and accepted the MOU in principle. The MOU will be brought to CCSD and FrancoSud for review in the coming weeks and undergo a legal review and minor amendments.

Board Updated on School Maintenance and Enhancement Projects Across RVS

- The Board received information on several maintenance and renewal projects that were completed in the past year. The projects ranged from the modernization of Indus School and installing barrier-free assisted washrooms to upgrading flooring, lighting, washrooms, mechanical rooms, painting, security systems, and outdoor maintenance.
- RVS spent approximately \$5.98 million on Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal projects between September 2020 and September 2021, and will spend \$2.93 million on Capital Maintenance and Renewal projects between March 2021 and March 2022.

RVS Enrolment Exceeds Projections

- The Board received a final update on enrolment for the 2021/22 school year. As of Sept. 30, RVS' student population increased by 1,333 students to a total of 26,662. This marks a 5.27 per cent increase compared to the previous year.
- In February 2021, RVS projected a student population of 26,495. Actual enrolment shows Grades 1 and 12 to be 175-185 greater than projected, while Kindergarten enrolment was under projection by 114.

Final Board Meeting for this Board

- Today's meeting marked the final meeting for this Board. The RVS Board and Administration extends its gratitude and appreciation to all trustees for their service to RVS over these past four years, and especially to Trustee Forrest and Trustee Sproule. Each have demonstrated their dedication to the success of students within their Wards and across the division throughout their terms as trustees. Thank you and RVS wishes them the very best in their next chapters.