

THE BRIEF

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

NOVEMBER 4, 2021

Chestermere Lake Middle School Builds “Thinking Classrooms” in Math

- The Rocky View Schools (RVS) Board of Trustees heard an Exemplary Practice presentation by Chestermere Lake Middle School (CLMS) Teacher, Landry Forand who is using Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics principles to engage his students in numeracy.
- Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics was developed by Peter Liljedahl of Simon Fraser University, and focuses on 14 practices that spark engagement, promote problem solving and get students thinking.
- Since employing these 14 practices, Forand’s students have been excited for math class, conversations have been rich, and students are thinking when it comes to numeracy. CLMS has been sharing these successes with other schools and teachers as interest in applying these innovative approaches to learning math continues to grow.

Board Updated on New COVID-19 Hazard Reduction Administrative Procedure

- A new Administrative Procedure, AP 173 – COVID-19 Hazard Reduction, requires all individuals 18 years or older who are NOT students in RVS to either show proof of being fully immunized or provide a recent negative COVID-19 rapid test result to access RVS schools or facilities starting Jan. 3, 2022.
- This temporary AP does not apply to RVS students, and will be re-evaluated at least every six months until it is deemed no longer necessary.
- The AP was shared with families and staff Nov. 3 and posted on the RVS website.

RVS Updates Reciprocal Use Agreement with Beiseker

- The Board voted to update the Reciprocal Use Agreement with the Village of Beiseker, which outlines how facilities are jointly used by the Village and the school division. The agreement has been in place since June 1995.
- The updated agreement opens the doors for increased use of school and Beiseker facilities for the community.
- Changes in the updated agreement include adding a scheduled review of the agreement every five years, clarifications around booking processes, updates to insurance and indemnification, and consideration of RVS’ current policies and procedures.

Board Supports Trustee Shali Baziuk to Run for ASBA Vice-President

- The Board voted in support of Trustee Shali Baziuk to run for Alberta School Boards Association Vice-President.