



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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021**

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**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Chair, Ward 6 Fiona Gilbert  
Vice-Chair, Ward 4 Norma Lang  
Ward 1 Shali Baziuk  
Ward 2 Shelley Kinley  
Ward 3 Fred Burley  
Ward 3 Melyssa Bowen  
Ward 3 Todd Brand  
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 9:33 a.m.

**#928-2021 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 in place in Alberta.

**CARRIED**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**#929-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:**

The Board of Trustees approves the November 4, 2021, Regular Board meeting agenda as amended.

**CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA**

**#930-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:**

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 9:35 a.m.

**CARRIED**

## **OUT OF IN CAMERA**

### **#931-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK:**

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 10:02 a.m.

**CARRIED**

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

## **MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

### **#932-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:**

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the October 28, 2021, Organizational Board meeting as circulated.

**CARRIED**

### **#933-2021 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:**

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the October 28, 2021, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: BUILDING THINKING CLASSROOMS IN CHESTERMERE LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Presenters:** John-Mark Crane, Landry Forand

### **Project Description**

At Chestermere Lake Middle School (CLMS), Teacher Landry Forand has begun using Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics principles to engage students in numeracy.

Thinking Classrooms in Mathematics was developed by Peter Lijedahl of Simon Fraser University, who has focused his study on instructional practices in mathematics. Thinking Classrooms uses 14 practices that spark engagement, promote problem solving and get students thinking. The teaching space is unrecognizable, learning becomes dynamic, and many math processes are deeply ingrained in each lesson. Communication, reasoning, visualization, problem solving and mental mathematics are also key.

Forand will share how employing these 14 practices has resulted in a transformation in the classroom and students, causing exponential student progress. Stepping into a Thinking Classroom, observers will see students in groups of three standing around whiteboards in discussions, sharing ideas, collaborating and cheering as they think and work through tasks together. This is just the surface, and much more is going on behind the scenes for both students and the teacher. Students are excited for math class, conversations have been rich and most importantly, students are thinking.

Because Thinking Classrooms is a practice that is best viewed and experienced, CLMS has partnered with educators both within the school and across RVS. Several people – including other CLMS teachers, numeracy instructional coaches, the Director of Instructional Leadership and Associate Superintendent of Learning – have been invited to explore the “thinking classroom.” CLMS will also spend a half-day

working with teachers and administrators at Muriel Clayton Middle School in Airdrie to discuss the “thinking classroom” and other best practices. Pictures and videos have also been shared on CLMS’ social media channels, and best practices are shared among the Numeracy department via the school’s SharePoint site.

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:40 a.m.  
Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

### **BEISEKER RECIPROCAL USE FACILITIES AGREEMENT**

#### **#934-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:**

The Board of Trustees approves the Reciprocal Use Agreement with the Village of Beiseker as presented, requesting that administration sign the Agreement as presented.

**CARRIED**

### **UPDATE ON PROOF OF IMMUNIZATION/ NEGATIVE TEST REQUIREMENT**

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Proof of Immunization/Negative Test Requirement Update as presented.

## **CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE**

Trustees will be attending the Alberta School Boards Association Fall General Meeting, Nov 14-15. The ASBA FGM provides great opportunity to connect with school boards and trustees from across the province to debate and discuss important provincial matters impacting public education. It also provides professional learning for new and returning trustees to enhance knowledge and understanding of the governance role of the Board as well as individual learning for trustees.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:**

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Planning Committee Report as presented.

## **TRUSTEE REPORTS** (submitted in writing)

### **Shali Baziuk, Ward One Trustee:**

Oct 28 Participated in Board meeting

### **Shelley Kinley, Ward Two Trustee:**

Oct 28 Participated in Board meeting

Nov 1 Participated in School Councils Committee meeting

Nov 2 Attended Parent Council Meeting – Prince of Peace

### **Todd Brand, Ward Three Trustee:**

Nov 2 Participated in C.W. Perry School Council

**Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:**

- Verbal Update: Participated in a special school council meeting; the new Rocky View Elementary/Middle Online School (RVELMO) where they elected their Executive Council; will be the Board Representative on the school naming committee
- Oct 28 Participated in part of the TEBA 61 bargaining update meeting on zoom
- Oct 28 Participated in the RVS Organizational Meeting at which I was sworn in for the upcoming term of office and nominated for a one year post as vice chair of the Board
- Oct 28 Participated in the Board and Board Planning Committee meetings
- Oct 29 Attended the agenda planning committee meeting
- Nov 1 Attended a WGM School Council meeting to specifically look at the playbook
- Nov 1 Attended an ELMO Online School council meeting and shared a board report
- Nov 1 Attended a School Councils Committee meeting to plan the Nov 25 Joint Council meet
- Nov 2 Participated in a TEBA BOD negotiations committee meeting

**Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:**

- Oct 28 Participated in Board meeting
- Oct 31 Participated in the Trunk or Treat Community Event
- Nov 3 Attended Springbank Middle School council meeting

**Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:**

- Oct 28 Participated in Board Organizational meeting
- Oct 28 Chaired Board and Planning Committee meetings
- Oct 28 Attended CCA Council meeting
- Oct 29 Participated in Board Agenda Setting Committee meeting
- Nov 1 Attended Cochrane High School Council meeting
- Nov 2 Attended Mitford School Council meeting
- Nov 3 Attended Fireside School Council meeting

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ASBA VICE PRESIDENT ENDORSEMENT**

**#935-2021 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:**

The Board of Trustees of Rocky View Schools endorse Trustee Shali Baziuk for the position of Vice President of the Alberta School Boards Association for the 2021-2023 term.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 11:24 a.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer