



**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD RVS EDUCATION CENTRE
2651 CHINOOK WINDS DR. SW
AIRDRIE, ALBERTA**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2023

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Chair, Ward 4 Norma Lang
Vice-chair, Ward 2 Shelley Kinley
Ward 1 Shali Baziuk
Ward 3 Fred Burley
Ward 3 Melyssa Bowen
Ward 5 Judi Hunter
Ward 6 Fiona Gilbert

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Ward 3 Todd Brand

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools Greg Luterbach
Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations Larry Paul
Director of Communications Tara de Weerd

RECORDER:

Executive Assistant Jennie Thompson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Norma Lang called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Lori Meyer and Cindy Stefanato joined the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

#1134-2023 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the February 9, 2023, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

#1135-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 9:31 a.m.

CARRIED

Lori Meyer and Cindy Stefanato left the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#1136-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FRED BURLEY:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 9:58 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Norma Lang recessed the meeting at 9:58 a.m.

Chair Norma Lang reconvened the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

Chair Norma Lang read the RVS Land Acknowledgement Statement.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#1137-2023 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the January 26, 2023, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: YELL ENTREPRENEURSHIP AT BERT CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL

School Staff: Ryan Reed (Principal), Ian Ferguson (Teacher)

Other Participants: Katty Wang (YELL Canada)

Project Description

In partnership with YELL Canada, Ian Ferguson has been offering an entrepreneurship course at Bert Church High School (BCHS). This course, now in its second year, equips students with an entrepreneurial toolbox and growth mindset to help them become creative problem solvers. In addition to lessons by Ferguson, students learn by listening to guest speakers including members of the Sisters of Airdrie, Grant MacEwan University's Entrepreneur in Residence, the CEO of FCA Strategy and the co-founders of a Code Ninja location. Students also take part in workshop activities. They also work with mentors to refine and improve their business ideas and pitches. BCHS is currently working with Cochrane High School to expand the course.

This type of hands-on learning is one of the outcomes of RVS' Four-Year Education Plan.

Chair Norma Lang recessed the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Chair Norma Lang reconvened the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Steve Thomas joined the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

2023/2024 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

#1138-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The Board of Trustees approves the 2023/24 Budget Development Process as presented.

CARRIED

2023/24 BOARD BUDGET PRIORITIES

#1139-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees approves the priorities and goals of the 2022-2026 strategic plan as the 2023/24 budget priorities.

CARRIED

Steve Thomas left the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

ANNUAL EDUCATION RESULTS REPORT AMENDMENT

#1140-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK:

The Board of Trustees approves the amended 2021/22 Annual Education Results Report as presented.

CARRIED

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Norma Lang thanked the approx.180 community members who attended the first of 2 public consultations in Cochrane regarding future use of the school on Powell Street and extended an invitation to attend the second public consultation on March 2, 6:30 pm, at Mitford School.

Chair Norma Lang shared highlights from a letter received by the Board from Education Minister Adriana LaGrange. The letter was a response to a RVS Board of Trustees letter to Finance Minister Travis Toews regarding Alberta Budget 2023, on which the Education Minister was cc'ed.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT FROM CHAIR NORMA LANG:

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

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT FROM VICE-CHAIR SHELLEY KINLEY:

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

TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Shali Baziuk, Ward One Trustee:

Verbal Update: Trustees were invited to participate as judges today at the East Lake School Science Fair. Although unable to participate due to scheduling conflicts with the Board meeting, wish them a successful event today.

Shelley Kinley, Ward Two Trustee:

Verbal Update: Rocky View County approved in principle the recreation centre for Langdon, a step forward for the community.

Jan 26 Attend Regular Board and Planning Meeting

Jan 26 Attend Powell Street School Accommodation Consultation – Public Meeting # 1

Jan 30 Attend Agenda Planning Committee Meeting

Feb 1 Attend online the RVC Recreation Presentation of the Langdon Recreation Centre

Feb 2 Attend Budget Committee Meeting

Feb 2 Attend Communications Event - Public Speaking Judge Bow Valley Beef & Multi Club

- Feb 3 Attend Zone 5 Meeting at Rocky View Education Centre
- Feb 7 Attend ASBA Meeting
- Feb 7 Meet with Steve Thomas – Trustee Budget

Melyssa Bowen, Ward Three Trustee:

Verbal Updates: Attended World Reading Day at Coopers Crossing as a “celebrity reader” along with Superintendent Luterbach and divisional mascot, Rocky Raccoon.
 Hosted the Zone 5 meeting last Friday, had the opportunity to highlight culinary students’ work as they provided the meeting refreshments.

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

Verbal Update: Read over zoom to Tsetter colony students as part of their reading program; observed students were excited about literacy and numeracy tools provided by the division. Was invited back to use those tools at a future date with the students.

- Jan 26 Chaired the Public Board meeting, attended the Board Planning Committee meeting
- Jan 26 Attended the Powell Street School Public Consultation at Manachaban School
- Jan 30 Participated in the agenda planning committee meeting
- Jan 30 Participated in the ASBA Board Chairs meeting which was conducted on zoom
- Jan 31 Attended a Crossfield Chamber event about digital marketing
- Jan 31 Attended the WGM School Council committee meeting at WGM
- Feb 1 Attended an RVS Advocacy Committee meeting at the Ed Centre
- Feb 2 Attended a Board Budget Committee meeting at the Ed Centre
- Feb 3 Attended the ASBA Zone 5 meeting

Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:

Verbal Updates: Attended Cochrane High School’s excellent production of Little Shop of Horrors.
 Banded Peak has purchased a set of indigenous drums; will be working with an elder who will show them how to soak the hides and play the drums.
 Heard Banded Peak Principal share SOS-Q results with school council; stressed importance of physical education in maintaining mental health of students.

- Jan 26 Participated in Board meeting
- Jan 27 Participated in Board policy meeting
- Jan 30 Attended an equity discussion meeting
- Feb 1 Attended Springbank Middle School council meeting
- Feb 2 Participated in the Board Budget meeting
- Feb 6 Attended ASBA Zone 5 meeting
- Feb 6 Attended at Canadian Parents for French meeting
- Feb 7 Attended Elbow Valley School council meeting
- Feb 8 Attended Banded Peak School council meeting

Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:

Verbal Updates: Several Cochrane area schools are doing read-a-thons and friendly literacy competitions across town.
 Glenbow School will be hosting a Family Literacy Night this evening, expecting over 300 people in attendance. Great to see the work the school is putting in, lots of teachers attending even when it’s not mandatory

- Jan 26 Participated in Board and Planning Committee meetings
- Jan 26 Participated in public consultation regarding Powell Street school in Cochrane
- Feb 1 Attended Fireside School Council meeting
- Feb 2 Participated in Board Budget Committee meeting
- Feb 3 Attended ASBA Zone 5 regular meeting

Feb 6 Attended CHS Council meeting
Feb 7 Participated in ASBA Committee meeting
Feb 7 Attended Mitford School council meeting
Feb 8 Participated in Governance session on Systems Thinking
Feb 8 Attended Glenbow School Council meeting

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Fred Burley asked about gaga pits approval within the division. Area Directors have asked for approvals to be placed on hold until more information can be provided.

He also asked about flying indigenous flags in the division. Chair Lang identified that it is a topic being brought forward as an item for future discussion in Planning.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Norma Lang adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer