



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

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 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
Communications Officer Christina Waldner

RECORDER:

Executive Assistant Jennie Thompson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Norma Lang called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

#1171-2023 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the April 27, 2023, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

#1172-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:

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

CARRIED

Steve Thomas joined the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

Steve Thomas left the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#1173-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 10:05 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Norma Lang recessed the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

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

Trustee Shelley Kinley read the RVS Land Acknowledgement Statement.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#1174-2023 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the April 6, 2023, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: RVS COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTRE – DUAL CREDIT EXPERIENCES

Teacher: Greg Rankin

Student Presenters: Ava Diebolt (Grade 12), Tiana Jacklin (Grade 10), Dustin Lutes (Grade 10)

Project Description

Rocky View Schools (RVS) has offered dual credit opportunities to students for approximately 10 years. High school students engage in career-based programs and earn credits that count toward both their high school and post-secondary educations. Dual credit programming also allows students to have real-world, hands-on learning experiences, which is one of the outcomes of RVS’ Four-Year Plan.

In this presentation, students from the RVS Community Learning Centre will share their experiences with two dual credit offerings. This year marks the first time RVS has partnered with Olds College for its Vet Technician Assistant (VTA) program. Grade 12 student Ava Diebolt will discuss her participation in this program, which will culminate with her receiving a diploma in VTA to become a fully certified vet tech.

For two years, RVS has partnered with Olds College to offer welding courses. This year, RVS is transporting two cohorts of 15 students to Olds for this program. Grade 10 students Tiana Jacklin and Dustin Loots will share their experience, which allows them to earn credits towards an agricultural heavy equipment certificate.

Chair Norma Lang recessed the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Chair Norma Lang reconvened the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Colette Winter joined the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

SCHOOL ON POWELL STREET STUDENT ACCOMMODATION

#1175-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to make the following accommodation changes in Cochrane:

- Relocate Cochrane Christian Academy into the school building located at 129 Powell Street in Cochrane starting September 2023.
- Name the school facility Cochrane Christian Academy starting August 2023.
- Establish a French Immersion middle school program at Mitford School starting with Grade 5 for the 2023-24 school year and growing by an additional grade for each subsequent year until it reaches Grade 8.
- Adjust the French Immersion attendance boundary in Cochrane so that students living in Heartland and all communities south of the train tracks are designated to attend Mitford School for French Immersion as follows:
 - As of the 2023-24 school year, Grade 5 FI students living in Heartland and all communities south of the train tracks are directed to attend Mitford School.
 - As of the 2024-25 school year, Grade 5-6 FI students living in Heartland and all communities south of the train tracks are directed to attend Mitford School.
 - As of the 2025-26 school year, Grade 5-7 FI students living in Heartland and all communities south of the train tracks are directed to attend Mitford School.
 - As of the 2026-27 school year, Grade 5-8 FI students living in Heartland and all communities south of the train tracks are directed to attend Mitford School.

CARRIED

Colette Winter left the meeting at 11:47 a.m.
Fiona Gilbert left the meeting at 11:48 a.m.
Tara de Weerd and Christina Waldner left the meeting at 11:49 a.m.
Fiona Gilbert rejoined the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

INDIGENOUS ADVISORY CIRCLE TERMS OF REFERENCE

#1176-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FRED BURLEY:

The Board approves the Indigenous Advisory Circle Terms of Reference as presented.

CARRIED

LOCALLY DEVELOPED COURSE APPROVAL

#1177-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board approves the above course for use in Rocky View Schools for the periods indicated above.

CARRIED

Chair Norma Lang recessed the meeting at 12:02 p.m.
Chair Norma Lang reconvened the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

The Rocky View Schools (RVS) Board of Trustees (the Board) invited area MLA candidates to an information meeting which was held earlier this week here at the Ed Centre on April 25, from 7-8pm.

As locally elected trustees, we share a passion for community and a desire to contribute to a brighter future. We believe open dialogue and information sharing are key to our ability to deliver on this commitment. It is in this spirit the Board invited all provincial election candidates within the communities we serve to meet so we can share how RVS enhances the education experience for 27,950 students. Thank you to the candidates who were able to join us!

Construction is progressing on a new school in Langdon, which is set to open in September 2024. The school has been planned as a junior/senior high school, and will likely change the future attendance boundaries for Chestermere High School and grade configurations of Sarah Thompson School, Langdon School and Indus School.

RVS is launching a public consultation and online engagement that will help in formally deciding the grade configuration and attendance area for the new school. The Board will be participating with a public meeting on May 2 in Langdon at Langdon School to gather input, and feedback can also be provided through RVSEngage.com beginning the same day. All feedback must be received by May 25. The Board of Trustees will use this information to help determine an accommodation plan for the new school and a decision is anticipated on June 15. Community members interested are encouraged to visit RVSEngage.com for updates on this project.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT FROM VICE-CHAIR SHELLEY KINLEY:

The Transportation committee is bringing forward a motion for the Board's consideration.

#1 178-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:

The Board maintain the transportation fees for 2023/24 at the current levels as the 2022/23 transportation fees per attached Appendix A.

CARRIED

ASBA COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The ASBA committee is bringing forward a motion for the Board's consideration.

#1 179-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board of Trustees supports sponsoring a position statement at the ASBA 2023 FGM advocating to the Minister of Education to review the administering of provincial high school examination as outlined below. Furthermore, the Board of Trustees grants authority to the ASBA Committee to make any technical edits to the proposed position statement as recommended by ASBA.

CARRIED

Tara de Weerd rejoined the meeting at 1:11 p.m.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT FROM VICE-CHAIR SHELLEY KINLEY:

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

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT FROM CHAIR NORMA LANG:

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

TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Shali Baziuk, Ward One Trustee:

Verbal Update: Very proud of East Lake School's accomplishments at the Calgary Youth Science Fair. Happy to share that the school was awarded 5 gold medals as well as several other medals and awards. Highlight of the event was the school winning top award of Best Elementary School award.

Shelley Kinley, Ward Two Trustee:

Verbal Update: Excited for the upcoming new school in Langdon consultation taking place May 2, as well as the Indus 70th school reunion taking place tomorrow evening, where alumni from as far away as Kelowna, BC will be attending.

Apr 6 Attend Regular Board and Planning Meeting
Apr 11 Attend Planning Committee Meeting via zoom
Apr 13 Attend and Chair Transportation Committee Meeting
Apr 14 Attend Zone 5 ASBA Meeting via zoom
Apr 17 Attend Agenda Planning Committee Meeting
Apr 18 Attend ASBA Committee Meeting
Apr 18 Meet with Steve Thomas, Trustee Budget
Apr 19 Attend School Councils Committee Meeting
Apr 20 Attend Planning and Budget Meeting
Apr 23 Attend Langdon Community Collaborative Meeting
Apr 25 Attend MLA Candidate Orientation
Apr 26 Attend and present at Langdon School Council Meeting

Melyssa Bowen, Ward Three Trustee:

Verbal Update: Attended the ASCA Conference and AGM with Trustee Gilbert last weekend. Also in attendance were five school council members from across our division. They did an excellent job representing Rocky View Schools.

Todd Brand, Ward Three Trustee:

Apr 6 Attended Board meeting and Planning Committee meeting
Apr 18 Attended Ralph McCall School Council meeting
Apr 18 Attended R.J. Hawkey School Council meeting
Apr 20 Attended Board Planning & Budget Committee meetings

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

Apr 6 Chaired an RVS Board Meeting
Apr 11 Participated in an agenda planning committee meeting
Apr 13 Participated in a transportation committee meeting
Apr 17 Participated in an agenda planning committee meeting
Apr 18 Attended an LRC meeting
Apr 19 Attended an Advocacy committee meeting
Apr 20 Chaired a budget committee meeting
Apr 20 Participated in a Board Planning Committee meeting
Apr 21 Attended a Kathryn School Council meeting

- Apr 24 Joined BCS for their World Book Day event as a guest reader in 6 classrooms
- Apr 25 Presented RVS information to an MLA Candidate info session
- Apr 26 Participated in a Crossfield and District Chamber AGM

Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:

Verbal Update: Springbank robotics team attended the International Robotics competition in Houston. The students represented Rocky View Schools well and we are very proud of their efforts.

- Apr 6 Participated in Board meeting
- Apr 13 Participated in Transportation Committee Meeting
- Apr 14 Participated in ASBA Zone 5 meeting
- Apr 18 Volunteering Elbow Valley
- Apr 19 Volunteered Springbank Middle School
- Apr 19 Attended Springbank High School Council meeting
- Apr 19 Attended Banded Peak School Council meeting
- Apr 20 Attended Board Planning meeting
- Apr 20 Attended Vecova celebration
- Apr 24 Participated in Springbank Park for All Seasons
- Apr 25 Volunteered Elbow Valley School
- Apr 26 Volunteered Springbank Middle School
- Apr 26 Participated at Bearspaw School Council

Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:

- Apr 6 Participated in Board and Planning Committee meetings
- Apr 12 Participated in U of C Governance Course – Change Management Part 1
- Apr 13 Participated in Student Transportation Committee meeting
- Apr 18 Chaired ASBA Committee meeting
- Apr 18 Chaired Labour Relation Committee meeting
- Apr 18 Attended RancheView School Council meeting
- Apr 19 Participated in School Councils Committee meeting
- Apr 19 Participated in ASBA Governance Course – Change Management Part 2
- Apr 20 Participated in Board Planning and Budget Committee meetings
- Apr 20 Attended CCA Council meeting
- Apr 21-23 Attended Alberta School Councils Association Conference & AGM
- Apr 24 Attended Manachaban School Council meeting
- Apr 25 Attended Cochrane Parks & Recreation Committee meeting

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Norma Lang adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 1:24 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer