

THE BRIEF

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

May 11, 2023

100 per cent January Diploma Exam Recipients Recognized

- Students achieving 100 per cent on Grade 12 diploma exams written in January 2023 were recognized by the Board at its meeting for their exemplary accomplishments.
- The Board of Trustees congratulates the following students:
 - Andrew Fallow, Bert Church High School, Math 30-1
 - Hannah Gillcrst, Springbank Community High School, Biology 30
 - Liam Berry, Springbank Community High School, Biology 30
 - Marissa Jackson, Beiseker Community School, Math 30-1
 - Trajan Stefanik, W.G. Murdoch School, Chemistry 30
 - Will Kraus, Springbank Community High School, Biology 30

Modular Approvals Update

- In the fall Rocky View Schools (RVS) requested 32 modulars classrooms. In March RVS received approval for 10 new modular units and the relocation of two units by Alberta Education. While these units will provide some space pressure relief, many RVS schools will continue to have over 100 per cent utilization next school year. Given current enrolment projections, Administration recommended requesting permission to adjust the location of some of the approved new modulars/relocations to schools with the most critical need for space.
- Proposed allocation of new classroom units:
 - Two units to W.H. Croxford High School, Airdrie
 - Four units to Chestermere Lake Middle School
 - Three units to Northcott Prairie School, Airdrie
 - One unit to George McDougall High School, Airdrie
- Additionally, Administration proposed relocating two units to Meadowbrook School, Airdrie from Mitford School, Cochrane
- Trustees approved Administration's recommendation and directed the Superintendent to work with Alberta Education to maximize the usefulness of the modulars/relocations to address the division's accommodation challenges.

School Fees Approved for 2023/24 School Year

- Schools annually review the fees they charge for optional courses, activities, programs and other non-curricular goods and services and make a recommendation regarding proposed increases or the necessary introduction/deletion of fees for new or changing courses.

- The Board recognizes the increasing cost pressures impacting our families. Proposed fees have been carefully considered and only minimal increases implemented when necessary.
- The Board approved the schedule of school fees for the 2023/24 school year and the fees will be posted on school websites by the end of June.

2023/24 Calendar Adjustment Required for Provincial Achievement Tests / Diploma Exams

- The Board approved a change to the 2023/24 operational calendar to accommodate a revised diploma exam schedule and a return to pre-set, fixed administration dates for all Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) instituted by the provincial government in 2022.
- Originally, Jan. 26, 2024, was allocated as a professional learning day across RVS; however, this is now an instructional day for all students, and they will be in school. The professional development day will move to Feb. 16, 2024. The calendar is updated on the RVS website.
- The Board also approved exceptions to the school calendar to allow for staggered entry in September 2023 and full-day Kindergarten for some RVS schools. Staggered student entry means that some students' first day of school is on Tues., Sept. 5 and the remaining students' is on Wed., Sept. 6. Reducing the number of students in school on the first day of classes has shown to decrease stress for some students that can accompany the start of the school year.

Fees for Community Use of RVS Facilities to Remain at Current Levels

- Recognizing the benefit RVS facilities have in the community and to encourage their use, the Board approved keeping community use fees for the 2023/24 school year at the current level.
- A new fee for use of the artificial turf field at the Cochrane tri-schools site will be introduced and is in line with fees charged for similar fields in Calgary and Edmonton.
- The Community Use Fee Schedule, along with the application, is available on the [RVS website](#) as part of Administrative Procedure 5025 Community Use of Facilities and Equipment.

Board Approves Changes to Policies 16 and 19

- Amendments were made to Policy 16 Recruitment and Selection of Personnel to reflect involvement of trustees in current principal hiring and transfer process.
- A statement was added to Policy 19 Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning and Working Environment as recommended by the safety auditor.