



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

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 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 3 Todd Brand
Ward 5 Judi Hunter
Ward 6 Fiona Gilbert

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 9:31 a.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

#1180-2023 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the May 11, 2023, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

#1181-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 9:32 a.m.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#1182-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

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

CARRIED

Chair Norma Lang recessed the meeting at 10:10 a.m.
Chair Norma Lang reconvened the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

Trustee Melyssa Bowen read the RVS Land Acknowledgement Statement.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#1183-2023 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the April 27, 2023, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: 100 PER CENT ACHIEVEMENT ON JANUARY 2023 PROVINCIAL DIPLOMA EXAMS

Twice a year, the Board of Trustees recognizes outstanding student achievement in Rocky View Schools by acknowledging students who obtain a perfect mark of 100 per cent on a provincial diploma exam. Congratulations to the following students for their accomplishments on the January 2023 exam sitting:

Andrew Fallow, Bert Church High School

Math 30-1

Andrew credits his achievement on his Math 30-1 diploma exam to the help of his teacher, Hidemi Uchiage. Ms. Uchiage presented the curriculum in a way Andrew felt he could meaningfully interact with it, and he also participated in her diploma prep sessions. Andrew also worked independently with a practice book to prepare for the types of questions that would be asked on the exam. Andrew hopes to study music after graduating high school and is currently deciding between attending the University of Calgary or McEwan University. He aspires to compose for film, video games and television.

Hannah Gillcrist, Springbank Community High School

Biology 30

Hannah says repetition was the key to her success on her Biology 30 diploma. In order to secure that grade, she studied a lot and also took a prep course before the exam. She also says it is important to trust that you know the answer to the questions on the exam while writing the diploma. Hannah is currently deciding whether she will attend the University of British Columbia or the University of Victoria after she graduates. She would like to study either biomedical engineering or ocean sciences in the hopes of entering biomedicine or becoming a researcher.

Liam Berry, Springbank Community High School

Biology 30

Liam's success on his Biology 30 diploma was the result of multiple study strategies. He practiced for the exam by completing released diplomas and spent time reading his textbooks. In addition to reviewing his notes, he also recopied them. Liam also worked with a study partner, and the two would quiz each other on the material. Following high school, Liam plans to study integrated biomedical

engineering and health science at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario with the eventual goal of becoming a neurosurgeon.

Marissa Jackson, Beiseker Community School

Math 30-1

Marissa's path to 100 per cent on her Math 30-1 diploma exam began with goal-setting, which she says is an effective way for her to achieve what she aspires to. From there, she put in plenty of time studying, asked her teacher for help to understand concepts and took plenty of time when answering questions. She also credits her teachers, who motivated her to achieve her goal. Marissa plans to study chemistry at the University of Alberta with the goal of being a researcher in field sciences.

Trajan Stefanik, W. G. Murdoch School

Chemistry 30

Consistent work throughout his course helped Trajan achieve 100 per cent on his Chemistry 30 diploma. In addition to constant study and excellent teaching at W.G. Murdoch School, a final push of three weeks of studying helped him achieve his perfect mark. Trajan hopes to eventually start his own engineering firm, and he plans to study engineering at the University of Calgary to make that dream a reality.

Will Kraus, Springbank Community High School

Biology 30

In order to achieve a perfect mark on his Biology 30 exam, Will read the textbook cover-to-cover not once, but three times. He was also not shy about asking questions of his teacher. These questions were not always about a particular piece of knowledge or information, but were instead a way for him to gain a bigger picture understanding so that he could figure out answers for himself. Will plans to attend Western University in London, Ontario for his post-secondary studies. He aspires to study business management and organization.

Chair Norma Lang recessed the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Chair Norma Lang reconvened the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Colette Winter joined the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Chair Norma Lang left the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Chair Norma Lang returned to the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

MODULAR APPROVAL ADJUSTMENTS

#1184-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FRED BURLEY:

The Board direct the Superintendent to work with Alberta Education to maximize the usefulness of the approved modulars / relocations to address accommodation challenges as per the above plan.

CARRIED

Colette Winter left the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Steve Thomas joined the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

SCHOOL FEES

#1185-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:

The Board of Trustees approves the schedule of school fees and directs the Superintendent to publish the list on school websites no later than June 30, 2023.

CARRIED

#1186-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

That the Board of Trustees directs the Policy Committee to review and make recommendations to enhance Board Policy 26 – School Fees to provide clarity to the system with respect to the purpose and definition of school fees, to better align with current practice, and to offer increased transparency to families. The recommendations will be shared with the Board Planning Committee prior to the end of November 2023.

CARRIED

Fiona Gilbert left the meeting at 12:06 p.m.
Fiona Gilbert returned to the meeting at 12:09 p.m.

COMMUNITY USE FEES

#1187-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:

The Board of Trustees approves the proposed fees for the 2023/24 fiscal year as shown in Appendix A.

CARRIED

Steve Thomas left the meeting at 12:23 p.m.
Murray Besenski joined the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

2023/24 SCHOOL CALENDAR ADJUSTMENT

#1188-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The Board of Trustees approves the revised 2023 – 2024 school year calendar as presented and directs the Superintendent of Schools to distribute the revised calendar to Rocky View Schools stakeholders.

#1189-2023 MOTION TO AMEND BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

Amendment proposed:
Amend the revised 2023/2024 school year calendar by moving the Feb 12th PL day to Feb 16th.

CARRIED

#1190-2023 MOTION TO AMEND BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

Amend by adding “and exceptions” after “school year calendar.”

CARRIED

VOTING ON #1188-2023 MOTION AS AMENDED BY TRUSTEE MELYSSA BOWEN:

The Board of Trustees approves the revised 2023 – 2024 school year calendar and exceptions, further moving the proposed Feb 12th PL day to Feb 16th, and directs the Superintendent of Schools to distribute the revised and amended calendar to Rocky View Schools stakeholders.

CARRIED

Murray Besenski left the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

Chair Norma Lang recessed the meeting at 12:59 p.m.

Chair Norma Lang reconvened the meeting at 1:34 p.m.

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE (submitted in writing)

END OF YEAR / GRAD

Another school year has raced by and this week marks the start of graduation season in RVS. Board members look forward to participating with our high schools over the next six weeks to celebrate the achievements of this year's RVS graduates. Schools around the division will also be hosting year end events such as farewells, concerts and drama productions. I'm personally looking forward to the annual walk-a-thon at Kathryn School this Friday.

GRAND OPENING

Thank you to everyone who attended the grand opening of our Discovery Trails Online School and Summit Trails Online High School on May 1. The board was pleased to be invited to share a message of congratulations with those gathered to celebrate the success our 2 online schools have had over the last few years.

LANGDON

And also, thank you to the community of Langdon for attending and providing feedback at the community consultation on May 2 at Langdon School that board members attended. Superintendent Luterbach and Director Colette Winter shared information with the community about the proposed grade configuration of the new Langdon Jr./Sr. High School opening Sept 2024. The community members in attendance were invited to stay and share feedback in small group focus groups and invited to share further thoughts and feedback on the RVS Engage tool. A link to the tool is set up on the RVS website. A decision on grade configuration for the new school will be made on June 15.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Policy Committee is bringing forward two motions for Board's consideration.

#1191-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Board approves the proposed Policy 16 Selection and Recruitment of Personnel as presented.

CARRIED

#1192-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:

The Board approves the proposed Policy 19 Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning and Working Environment as presented.

CARRIED

#1193-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:

The Policy Committee review how guideline #5 of BP19 could be worded to reflect specifically for student rights and report to the Board Planning Committee by December 2023.

CARRIED

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 amended.

TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Shelley Kinley, Ward Two Trustee:

Verbal Update: Congratulations to Chestermere High School's first place finish in cabinet-making at Provincial Skills Canada Competition
Attended Indus School's 70th reunion and wish to congratulate the school on a highly successful event
Good luck to all Sarah Thompson students participating in Battle of the Books tomorrow

Apr 27 Attend Regular Board and Planning Meeting
Apr 28 Attend Agenda Planning Committee Meeting – zoom
Apr 28 Attend Indus School 70th Anniversary Celebration
May 1 Attend (zoom) ASBA Anti-racism presentation
May 2 Attend and present at new Langdon Junior Senior School Accommodation
May 4 Attend Budget Committee Meeting
May 5 Attend Zone 5 ASBA Committee Meeting
May 8 Attend and present at Sarah Thompson Parent Council Meeting
May 9 Attend and present at Chestermere High School Parent Council AGM
May 10 Board Evaluation Preparation (zoom)

Fred Burley, Ward Three Trustee:

Verbal Update: Attended the 2nd annual GSA event at Manachaban; event was well attended by over 100 students and had Mark Tewksbury as guest speaker
Attended Bert Church Theatre's production of Wizard of Oz; students did an amazing job
Attended the MLA candidate's forum and identified a false statement was made about school site readiness in Airdrie

Todd Brand, Ward Three Trustee:

Verbal Update: Attended the Grand Opening Ceremony of Discovery Trails Online School and Summit Trails Online High School; it was a great ceremony and nice to hear from students and their online learning journey

May 1 Attended Grand Opening Ceremony for DTOS/STOHS
May 4 Participated in Board Budget Committee meeting
May 9 Attended Ralph McCall School Council meeting
May 9 Attended R.J. Hawkey School Council meeting

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

Apr 27 Chaired the Regular Board Meeting, attended the regular Board Planning Committee Meeting
Apr 28 Participated in an Agenda Planning Committee Meeting
Apr 28 Participated in local bargaining
May 1 Delivered a Board message at the grand opening of the DTOS/STOHS

- May 2 Participated in a day of local bargaining
- May 2 Attended the Langdon Community Consultation
- May 3 Participated in a TEBA 61 meeting on zoom
- May 3 Attended the CES School Council Meeting
- May 4 Chaired the Budget Committee Meeting
- May 9 Participated in the LRC Committee Meeting
- May 9 Kathryn School Council Committee Meeting
- May 10 Participated in a planning meeting for the Board Evaluation coming up in June

Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:

Verbal Update: Attended Elbow Valley Musicfest at the Southern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium – over 1700 people in attendance

- Apr 27 Participated in Board meeting
- May 1 Attended Antiracism workshop
- May 2 Volunteered at Elbow Valley School
- May 3 Volunteered at Springbank Middle School
- Attended Elbow Valley School event
- May 4 Participated in Budget committee meeting
- May 5 Participated in Zone 5 meeting
- Attended Bert Church High School drama production
- May 9 Participated in Elbow Valley School Council meeting
- Volunteered at Elbow Valley School
- Attended workshop on Mental Health strategies for schools
- May 10 Volunteered at Springbank Middle School

Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:

- Apr 27 Participated in Board and Planning Committee meetings
- Apr 28 Participated in local bargaining session with RVATA Local 35
- May 1 Attended Cochrane HS Council meeting
- May 2 Attended Mitford School Council meeting
- May 3 Attended Fireside School Council meeting
- May 4 Participated in Board Budget Committee meeting
- May 5 Participated in ASBA Zone 5 meeting
- May 9 Chaired Labour Relations Committee meeting
- May 10 Attended Glenbow School Council meeting

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to report.

IN CAMERA

#1194-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK:

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 2:29 p.m.

CARRIED

Fred Burley declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting at 2:31 p.m.

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#1195-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 2:41 p.m.

CARRIED

Fred Burley returned to the meeting at 2:41 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Norma Lang adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer