

# THE BRIEF

## BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

June 15, 2023

### East Lake School Students Soar at Science Fair

- Grade 5 and 6 students from East Lake School in Chestermere proved they have the right stuff by bringing home numerous medals and plaques from the recently held Calgary Youth Science Fair (CYSF). The talented group of young scientists brought home a total of five gold, one silver, four bronze and one participation medal.
- Ayah Hassan and Mannat Sidhu (Grade 6) were awarded the Bhardwaj Elementary Life Sciences Award, the Haskayne School of Business Hunter Centre Elementary Award for Consumer Science and the Alberta Teachers' Association Elementary Award. Anshveer Singh (Grade 6) won the CYSF's Director's Award.
- The school also won the City of Calgary Society of Professional Engineers Elementary School Aggregate Award given to the overall best elementary school at the fair.
- Three students from East Lake went on to compete at the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta Science Olympics May 27 at the University of Calgary, bringing home a gold medal.
- The students presented to Rocky View School's (RVS) Board of Trustees (the Board) about their experiences preparing their projects and competing at the CYSF.
- In completing these projects, students engage in real-world, hands-on learning and demonstrate their ownership of that learning, two outcomes of RVS's Four-Year Education Plan.

### Locally Developed Courses Connect Students to Interests Like Performing Arts and Yoga

- RVS students benefit from Locally Developed Courses (LDCs) that allow them to explore opportunities in areas of study that complement provincial programs of study.
- The Board was asked to renew several LDCs that would be expiring next school year, including courses in performing arts and yoga. High schools have confirmed they would like to offer these courses, which allow students to explore these interests.
- The LDCs will be renewed for an additional four years.

### Change Made to Cobblestone Creek Accommodation Plan

- The accommodation plan for the new southwest Airdrie Cobblestone Creek community was approved in May 2022. Now that more families have begun moving into the community, RVS administration reviewed this plan and recommended one change.
  - English students in Kindergarten - Grade 5 will now be designated to attend École Edwards Elementary School, rather than A.E. Bowers Elementary School. French Immersion students will continue to be designated to A.E. Bowers.

- Both English and FI students will continue on to École Airdrie Middle School for Grades 6 - 8 and George McDougall High School for Grades 9 - 12.

### **Motions from In-camera Passed in Public Portion of Meeting**

- The Board passed motions on the following after coming out of the in-camera portion of the Board meeting:
  - awarding a tender to complete a roofing project at Indus School;
  - creation of an exempt employees' terms of employment; and
  - approval of the Superintendent's evaluation report as an accurate accounting of the Superintendent's performance.

### **Board Chair Reflects on 2022/23 School Year with Gratitude**

- Board Chair, Norma Lang took the opportunity at the last Board meeting of the year to provide her reflections on the 2022/23 school year.
  - Lang offered thanks on behalf of the Board to all RVS staff for their efforts on behalf of students throughout the year.
  - Lang also congratulated new trustees, Fred Burley and Shelley Kinley for completing their first complete school year on the Board.
  - Trustees Shelley Kinley, Fiona Gilbert, Melyssa Bowen, and Shali Baziuk were recognized for completing the Alberta School Boards Association Trustee Governance Program. The program supports trustees in developing their leadership capacity with current information to support effective decision-making at the local level.

### **Contributions of Retiring Associate Superintendent Recognized by Board and Superintendent**

- The Board thanked Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations, Larry Paul for all his contributions to RVS. Paul made decisions in the best interests of our students and empowered schools and his team to be successful during his time with RVS. He also provided thoughtful guidance to his team and to the division.
- Paul has been with RVS for the last five-and-a-half years and officially retires in July.
- RVS welcomes Mike Guindon as the new Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations.

### **Changes Approved to Operating Guidelines for Professional Development and Leave Committee**

- Minor changes to the Professional Development and Leave Committee (PDLC) operating guidelines were adopted by the Board. The PDLC administers funds that are accessible for teaching staff to support professional learning opportunities and growth.
- The guidelines are reviewed annually.