

THE BRIEF

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

Oct. 19, 2023

RVS Teacher Inspires Students to Connect with the World Through Exploration in Outdoor Program

- Cochrane High School Teacher, Jander Talen developed ROAMS (Rivers, Oceans and Mountain School), a Grade 10 program at Cochrane High School where students spend an entire semester in a cohort that builds deep meaningful relationships with the land, other students and various subject materials. In this environmental and outdoor education, building a relationship with the land is key; otherwise, the learning that takes place will not have a lasting impact.
- This year, Talen was selected to be a Grosvenor Teacher Fellow with the National Geographic Society and Lindblad Expeditions. During September, he participated in a 10-day expedition aboard a ship in the Galápagos Islands. Inspired by his experience, Talen has found ways of incorporating teaching strategies used by naturalists and photographers to help RVS students fall in love with local wild spaces.

Naming Committee to be Formed for New School in Langdon

- The Board of Trustees approved the New School in Langdon Ad Hoc Naming Committee Terms of Reference bringing the school another exciting step forward as RVS prepares to open the facility to students in September 2024.
- As required in [Administrative Procedure 5402 – Naming of Facilities](#), the Ad Hoc Naming Committee once formed will consult with the community and provide two possible school names for consideration to the Board of Trustees' review, selection and approval.
- Details on how to apply to join the committee will be publicized in the coming weeks. The committee will have until Feb. 1, 2024, to submit its recommendations for the Board's consideration.
- RVS continues to encourage parents/guardians, staff and other stakeholders to provide feedback to inform the Board's decision on student accommodations in Langdon. Input can be shared online through [RVSEngage](#) until Nov. 13, 2023.

RVS Attends Provincial School Board Association and Alberta Education Engagement

- The RVS Board Chair expressed her gratitude to Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) for hosting an engagement session with Alberta Education on October 12 as it provided a valuable opportunity to connect with other board chairs across the province and hear from Alberta Education.

Delegation Presented to the Board on Human Sexuality Education

- A delegation shared their perspective on human sexuality education.