



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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2023

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Chair, Ward 6 Fiona Gilbert
Ward 1 Shali Baziuk
Ward 2 Shelley Kinley
Ward 3 Fred Burley
Ward 3 Melyssa Bowen
Ward 3 Todd Brand
Ward 4 Norma Lang

TRUSTEES PRESENT (VIA ZOOM):

Vice-chair, Ward 5 Judi Hunter

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools Greg Luterbach
Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations Mike Guindon
Director of Communications Tara de Weerd
Communications Officer Christina Waldner

RECORDER:

Executive Assistant Jennie Thompson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Fiona Gilbert called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

#1304-2023 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the December 14, 2023, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

#1305-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:

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

CARRIED

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#1306-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 10:00 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:00 a.m.
Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Trustee Shali Baziuk read the RVS Land Acknowledgement Statement.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#1307-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the November 30, 2023, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: COCHRANE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (CCA) READS

Teacher: Josine van den Berg

Student Presenters: Andie Francis (Grade 1), Justin Kulich (Grade 8), Jadon Lee (Grade 5)

Project Description

In the fall, Cochrane Christian Academy launched its first school-wide home reading program, CCA Reads, which encourages and incentivizes students to read at home. Students track how many nights they read at home and receive a prize every time they attain 25 nights. The aim of CCA reads is to get students reading outside the classroom and to help them develop a love of reading by choosing books they are interested in, rather than books they are assigned.

Since the start of the program, CCA has seen a significant increase in students reading at home, with 75 per cent reading consistently beyond the classroom. In this presentation, literacy lead teacher Josine van den Berg will provide an overview of the program and CCA students from a variety of grades will share the impact it has had on them. This program aligns with Goal 1 of RVS' Education Plan – Advancing student's numeracy and literacy skills.

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:29 a.m.
Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

NEW SCHOOL IN LANGDON STUDENT ACCOMMODATION ADJUSTMENTS

#1308-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:

The Board adjust grade configurations and attendance areas effective the fall of 2024 as per consultation Option B without redesignation of two rural areas:

- Sarah Thompson School remain as K-5 with the same attendance area.
- Langdon School change to be a K-8 school with the same attendance area.
- Indus School change to be a K-8 school with the same attendance area.
- New school in Langdon starts in the fall of 2024 as a Grade 9 to 11 school with it becoming a Grade 9 to 12 school effective fall of 2025. The attendance area is the combined attendance areas of Indus School and Langdon School.

- Current Grade 11 students who live in the new school's attendance area remain designated to Chestermere High School for the 2024/25 school year (as Grade 12 students) with RVS transportation available for this year only.
- Current Grade 10 students who live in the new school's attendance area and currently attend Chestermere High School would need to apply as an out of area student in order to attend Chestermere High School for the 2024/25 school year (as Grade 11 students) with no RVS transportation guaranteed.

CARRIED

#1309-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK:

The Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to investigate opportunities to bus Chestermere students to and from Langdon area schools starting in September 2024 and report findings to the Board Planning Committee by the end of March 2024.

CARRIED

PURCHASE ORDERS ISSUED OVER \$200,000

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the information item as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES UPDATE

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Administrative Procedure Update as presented.

SUPPLEMENTAL ENROLMENT GROWTH GRANT UPDATE

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Supplemental Enrolment Growth Grant Update as information.

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

The Board of Trustees extends our warmest wishes to each and every RVS staff member, student, and family and wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season and a bright, promising New Year.

At the recent general meeting of the Alberta School Boards Association, Premier Danielle Smith addressed the assembly and requested school boards to share with her innovative career-pathway programs that are currently being offered in Alberta high schools. In response to this request, the Board has sent an invitation to Premier Smith which reads in part:

We proudly extend an invitation to visit Chestermere High School where you can experience firsthand the talented team of staff and students in our cosmetology and culinary arts programs. It is our pleasure to offer you a complimentary cosmetology service of your choice followed by a gourmet lunch prepared by our students in these advanced career-connection programs.

In response to a delegation in October regarding Human Sexuality Education Being Taught in RVS, the Board has sent correspondence to the presenter that includes in part the following:

After reviewing the information and details that we have received from RVS senior administration, the Board believes that current RVS policies, procedures, and processes related to teaching sexual health education meet a high standard of care and diligence in providing a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging. We believe that the division is meeting its mandate to provide human sexuality education in an open and transparent way and are engaging with and including parents as their children's primary educators.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

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

TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Shelley Kinley, Ward Two Trustee:

Verbal Update: Thanked staff and administration for working tirelessly to put on holiday events in our schools

Nov 30 Attend Regular Board and Planning Meeting
Dec 1 Attend Zone 5 ASBA Meeting at Golden Hills
Dec 1 Meet with Director of Planning - Langdon School Naming Committee
Dec 12 Attend Sarah Thompson Christmas Concert
Dec 13 Attend and present at Langdon Chamber of Commerce Meeting
Dec 13 Attend Langdon School K – 5 Holiday Musical

Todd Brand, Ward Three Trustee:

Nov 30 Participated in Board Meeting & Planning Committee meeting

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

Verbal Update: As part of building future ready students, WG Murdoch School has created a “living library”; a volunteer roster of guest speakers for students. N. Lang will be a guest speaker tomorrow sharing information about local government.

Nov 30 Attended the Board and Board Planning Committee Meeting
Dec 1 Participated in Crossfield Twinklefest / Bows on Businesses
Dec 5 Attended the Crossfield Public Hearing regarding potential changes to new school site in a revised Area Structure Plan being considered by Council
Dec 6 Chaired the RVS Labour Relations Committee meeting
Dec 8 Participated in a TEBA 61 Committee meeting via Zoom
Dec 13 Attended the WGM Winter Fest Christmas Band Concert
Dec 14 Attended the Board and Board Planning Committee Meeting

Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:

Nov 30 Chaired Board and Planning Committee meetings
Dec 1 Attended ASBA Zone 5 meeting via zoom
Dec 4 Participated in Agenda Planning committee meeting
Dec 6 Participated in Labour Relations Committee meeting
Dec 6 Attended Fireside School Council meeting
Dec 11 Attended ASBA Speakers Corner Professional Learning via zoom

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

IN CAMERA

#1309-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 12:06 p.m.

CARRIED

Trustee Fred Burley declared a pecuniary conflict of interest and left the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

Trustee Fred Burley returned to the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#1310-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 12:38 p.m.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 12:38 p.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer