



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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024**

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Chair, Ward 6 Fiona Gilbert  
Vice-chair, Ward 5 Judi Hunter  
Ward 1 Shali Baziuk  
Ward 2 Shelley Kinley  
Ward 3 Melyssa Bowen  
Ward 3 Todd Brand  
Ward 4 Norma Lang  
Ward 3 Fred Burley

**TRUSTEE PRESENT VIRTUALLY:**

**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 9:32 a.m.

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**#1312-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:**

The Board of Trustees approves the January 11, 2024, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

**CARRIED**

**IN CAMERA**

**#1313-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:**

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

**CARRIED**

Steve Thomas joined the meeting at 9:32 a.m.

Trustee Shali Baziuk joined the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

Steve Thomas left the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

**OUT OF IN CAMERA**

**#1314-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:**

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 10:04 a.m.

**CARRIED**

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:04 a.m.  
Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Trustee Shelley Kinley read the RVS Land Acknowledgement Statement.

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

**#1315-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:**

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the December 14, 2023, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: BANDED PEAK SCHOOL WINTER MARKET**

**Teachers:** Kelly Campbell, Janelle Fortmuller, Kelsey Wicktor Neumeister, Jill Winters, Simon Pols

**Student Presenters:** Davin Kary (Grade 6), Kingston Tudor (Grade 6), Maisie Frasca (Grade 8), Eden Aldred (Grade 8)

**Project Description**

In December, Banded Peak School hosted its third annual Outdoor Winter Market and Concert. Each year students from all grades of the school participate to make this event a success. Middle school entrepreneurs in Grades 5-8 have the opportunity through the market to learn how to design a small business; generate, market and sell a product; and develop financial literacy skills. The event also features a wide variety of contributions from other grades including an outdoor performance by the school’s youngest students and a band performance. This year, attendees also heard stories of the night sky from an Indigenous perspective.

This event is designed to gather community during the busy holiday season and celebrate Banded Peaks’ talented and creative students. While it is an optional program, several students participate each year – those that don’t sell in the market perform, assist throughout the evening or help friends at their tables. The success of the Winter Market is contingent on the collaboration and hard work of the entire school staff.

This event achieves several of the goals of RVS’ Education Plan. Students who sell in the market are actively engaged in meaningful and relevant learning, and also develop numeracy skills. The group effort of the market helps students demonstrate their communication, collaboration and problem-solving skills. In engaging the school community, the market also creates an environment where students experience success and are happy, healthy, feel they belong and are safe.

Chair Fiona Gilbert recessed the meeting at 10:51 a.m.  
Chair Fiona Gilbert reconvened the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

### **DIVISIONAL EDUCATION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Division Education Implementation Update as presented.

Murray Besenski joined the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

### **PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Strategic Plan Performance Measures Report regarding Professional Learning and Leadership Development.

Murray Besenski left the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

## **CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board of Trustees extends Happy New Year greetings to all RVS staff, students, and families and wishes everyone a successful 2024.

Best wishes to all RVS Gr. 12 students who are writing diploma examinations this month, and an extra special thank you to all RVS high school teachers and staff at this extra busy time of year for all that they do to get their students over the finish line as we near the end of the semester.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ADVOCACY COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK:**

The Advocacy committee is bringing forward a motion for the Board's consideration.

#### **#1316-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK:**

The Board of Trustees approves the attached Advocacy Committee Terms of Reference.

Trustee Melyssa Bowen requested a recorded vote.

#### In Favour

Shali Baziuk  
Shelley Kinley  
Judi Hunter  
Fiona Gilbert  
Fred Burley  
Norma Lang

#### Opposed

Melyssa Bowen  
Todd Brand

**CARRIED**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:**

The Audit committee is bringing forward a motion for the Board’s consideration.

**#1317-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:**

The Board of Trustees approves the attached Audit Committee Terms of Reference.

**CARRIED**

**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:**

The Transportation committee is bringing forward a motion for the Board’s consideration.

**#1318-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:**

The Board of Trustees approves the attached Student Transportation Committee Terms of Reference.

**#1319-2024 MOTION TO AMEND BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:**

Change Area of Focus, b, to read:

“Provide feedback to Board Planning Committee on emerging student transportation matters.”

**DEFEATED**

**#1320-2024 MOTION TO AMEND BY TRUSTEE TODD BRAND:**

Change Membership, a, to read:

“One Trustee from rural wards.”

**DEFEATED**

**VOTING ON #1318-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHELLEY KINLEY:**

The Board of Trustees approves the attached Student Transportation Committee Terms of Reference.

**CARRIED**

**PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT FROM TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:**

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: Congratulations to the Chestermere High School Band on being accepted to an exchange program in Nova Scotia.
- Congratulations to all RVS players and coaches who participated in and were victorious at the Alberta Senior Bowl game.
- Thank you to Navi Sunkaranam and Tara de Weerd for their participation in the Langdon School Naming Committee and to the parents and student who participated.
- Very excited to bring forward the naming suggestions to the Board in the near future.
- Dec 14 Attend Regular Board and Planning Meeting
- Dec 14 Attend Indus School Christmas Concert
- Dec 18 Attend Agenda Review Ad Hoc Naming Committee - zoom
- Dec 19 Attend ASBA - Edwin Parr Planning Committee Meeting
- Dec 19 Attend and present at Ad Hoc Naming Committee Meeting # 1 – Langdon School
- Dec 20 Attend Chestermere High School Fine Arts Winter Band Concert
- Jan 4 Attend via zoom Ad Hoc Naming Committee Prep

- Jan 9 Attend RVC JUPA Meeting
- Jan 9 Attend NSBA Ad Hoc working group meeting
- Jan 9 Attend Ad Hoc Naming Committee Meeting # 2 – Langdon School
- Jan 10 Attend and present at Langdon Schol Parent Council Meeting

**Todd Brand, Ward Three Trustee:**

- Dec 14 Participated in Board Meeting & Planning Committee meeting
- Jan 9 Participated in NSBA Planning Committee meeting
- Jan 10 Attended George McDougall High School Council meeting

**Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:**

Verbal Update: Attended the Discovery Trails Online School (DTOS) Council Meeting and heard that their student population is going to be over 200; great to see student population is growing. Also pleased to see the school is speaking to student safety, even in an online environment. Heard an interesting presentation by the Learning Support Teacher regarding how MyBluePrint is being used to demonstrate student learning, driving progress and successes being achieved.

- Dec 14 Participated in the Board and Board Planning Committee Meetings
- Dec 15 Presented to the 2 WGM grade 6 classes about local government / trusteeship
- Dec 19 Attended the Kathryn School Christmas Concert
- Dec 20 Attended the Fairview Hutterite Colony Christmas Concert
- Jan 9 Attended a Kathryn School Council Meeting
- Jan 9 Chaired an LRC Committee Meeting at the Ed Centre
- Jan 9 Participated in a JUPA meeting at the Ed Centre
- Jan 10 Attended the DTOS School Council Meeting
- Jan 10 Attended the CES School Council Meeting

**Judi Hunter, Ward Five Trustee:**

Verbal Update: Canadian Parents for French in Elbow Valley and Springbank held a Christmas event for grades K-2; had 20 participants, very fun event.

Springbank High School French immersion students invited Gr. 8 students to a Tourtière event to encourage them to continue in the French program into high school

Springbank Community Association raised \$15,000 for the Springbank physical education department through a community raffle; have raised \$45,000 for schools in the last 2 years.

Kudos to the teacher of the Robotics program at Springbank High School - held their first ever First Robotics competition where over 500 students participated. All 3 Springbank teams involved won a spot at provincials. Speaks to the global focus on robotics and coding and the importance of supporting these programs in RVS schools.

- Dec 14 Participated in Board Meeting
- Dec 18 Participated in CPF French Immersion activity Elbow Valley School
- Dec 20 Attended Springbank Community High School Robotics competition
- Dec 21 Participated in CPF French Immersion Activity SCHS
- Jan 9 JUPA meeting
- Jan 10 Springbank Middle School Council meeting

**Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:**

- Dec 14 Chaired Board and Planning Committee meetings
- Dec 14 Attended BVHS Council meeting
- Dec 15 Participated in Agenda Planning
- Dec 19 Participated in media interview

Jan 9 Participated in Labour Relations Committee meeting  
Jan 9 Participated in Joint Use & Planning Committee meeting  
Jan 10 Attended Glenbow School Council

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to report.

## **IN CAMERA**

### **#1321-2024 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JUDI HUNTER:**

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 12:59 p.m.

**CARRIED**

## **OUT OF IN CAMERA**

### **#1322-2024 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:**

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 1:03 p.m.

**CARRIED**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Fiona Gilbert adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 1:04 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary-Treasurer