

BCSC Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2023

Attendance:

School

Jennifer Gervais (Principal)
Norma Lang (Trustee)

Council

Terri-Lynn Finck (Chair)
Andrea Krill (Secretary)

Parents/Community Members

Terri
Katrina
Hadia

Call to Order: 7:02 pm

Modifications to Agenda

Review of minutes from last meeting:

Tabled until November meeting.

Student's Report: (No Student Report)

Teacher's Report: (No Teachers Report)

Trustee Report: Norma Lang

Sept 21 Board Meeting

https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/whats_new/the_brief_sept_21_2023

Trustees Gilbert and Hunter Elected to Lead Board for 2023/24

• Ward 6 Trustee, Fiona Gilbert was elected Board Chair for the 2023/24 school year during the Board of Trustees (the Board) of Rocky View Schools (RVS) Organizational Meeting, Sept. 21. Ward 5 Trustee Judi Hunter was elected Vice-chair.

Multi-faceted Public Engagement Launched to Balance Airdrie Student Spaces

- Government approval for new schools, modular units and school additions over the years has not kept pace with rising enrolment and has led to many overutilized schools in the growing communities of Airdrie, Cochrane and Chestermere.
- The Board has approved the Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces public consultation plan and timeline to gather feedback and insights from stakeholders on how the division can best balance enrolment for all Airdrie students.
 - o Phase 1 starts fall 2023 and will provide stakeholders with information, resources and an opportunity to ask questions about the proposed solutions.
 - o Phase 2, beginning in early 2024, will offer stakeholders the opportunity to provide feedback, both in-person and online.

Oct 5 Board Meeting

https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/whats_new/the_brief_oct_5_2023

Students Show They Have What It Takes at Level Up Calgary Competition

- Rocky View Schools (RVS) students from seven schools were invited to compete in the Level Up Calgary season 2 competition, which ran from February through June 2023. The students competed against their peers from the Calgary Board of Education and Calgary Catholic School Division, coming home with numerous medals.
- Approximately 500 RVS students took part in the competition which involved designing virtual sustainable public spaces using Minecraft.
- The students enjoyed using Minecraft as a tool for learning, experiencing collaboration, creative thinking and problem-solving while working on their projects.

Significant Enrolment Growth in Airdrie, Cochrane and Chestermere Continues to Add Nearly 1,000 More Students

- Total enrolment across the division as of Sept. 30 is 28,602 for the current school year, up 990 or 3.6 per cent from 2022/23. This is consistent with the existing trend in the division which sees enrolment increase by 750-1,000 students per year.
- The three larger municipalities within RVS' jurisdiction are all experiencing continuous population growth, which is reflected in rising enrolment in all schools in Airdrie, Chestermere and Cochrane.
 - o Of the 990 new RVS students, 499 or 50.4 per cent are in Airdrie. This is an increase of 158 per cent from 2003 to 2023. The current average utilization of all three of Airdrie's high schools is 110 per cent; with no new schools approved in Airdrie, by 2027, this will increase to 130 %

RVS Teachers Recognized for Exceptional Work on World Teachers' Day

- World Teachers' Day is held annually to celebrate the work of teachers across the globe. The Board thanked the 1,048 RVS teachers for the important and exceptional work they do every day to support our students.

Space for Students Continues to be Focus of Board Advocacy

- RVS continues to experience overcrowding in many of its schools, particularly in Airdrie, Cochrane and Chestermere. Rising enrolment and a lack of approval for construction funding for new facilities have caused a challenging situation and many schools in these communities are overutilized.

Annual Review Leads to Changes to Three Policies

- Board policies determine how the division will operate and provide effective direction for the action of the Board, Superintendent, staff, students and stakeholders. The policies are posted online at www.rockyview.ab.ca/about_rvs/policies_procedures/board_policies
- The Board Policy Committee is tasked with reviewing policies of the Board on an ad hoc basis to ensure these continue to reflect the intentions of the Board.
- Policy 19 - Welcoming, Caring, Respectful and Safe Learning and Working Environment,
Policy 22 - Community Use of School Facilities and Equipment and
Policy 23 - School Attendance Areas resulted in minor changes to wording for clarity and to ensure the policies align with new legislation or regulations.

Board Connects with School Councils to Support Their Work

- About 20 school council members attended an orientation session on Sept. 27 with trustees and Superintendent Luterbach.

Upcoming Dates

Oct 26 – 5:30-7:30 pm Save the Date Joint School Council Meeting – Advocacy, PBIS, Council connections, ASCE Grant

Principal/Assistant Principal Report:

- Thank-you!!!! For the meal for our teachers for conferences
- 3Way Conferences
- Staffing Update
 - Stephanie Young .5 Foods
 - James Scali 1.0 Social Studies
- Looking forward to:
 - Home Reading is starting in the elementary
 - Career Fair
 - CSLC update next meeting
 - Halloween
 - Remembrance Day
 - Ceremony
 - Hall of Hero's

Chairperson's Report:

- **Old Business:**
 - Read-a-thon
 - Table it for now.
 - Teachers are looking for it to be more meaningful. Needs to better support the Read at Home program.
- **New Business:**
 - Motion to call a Special Meeting of Council - proposed amendments to BCSC Bylaws. Hadia, Andrea seconds
 - Immediately prior to regular School Council meeting in November.
 - Post Notice of Motion on bulletin Board @ Main Entrance and on school website
 - Motion to accept Hadia and Andrea seconds the motion.
 - Conference Night Supper F/U
 - Used Sign-up Genius - sent link to parents.
 - Emailed message of gratitude to involved parents that evening.
 - ASCE - Beiseker Rec Coordinator & Irricana & District Ag Society (Cathryn Hagel) proposed a joint activity during Christmas on Main/Christmas in the Village.
 - Jennifer suggested to bring in RVS Specialists to present on cybersecurity, psychologist on anxiety, ADHD. etc at no charge
 - Hesitant to book a speaker for fear we would be wasting our money if there was poor attendance.
 - Financial Report: Opening and closing balance: \$1546.44 (unchanged)

Question & Answer:

Next Meeting: November 21, 2023 @ 7pm via Zoom

Adjournment: 7:57 pm