

**BCS Council**  
**Meeting Minutes for November 15, 2022**

**Attendance:**

**School**

Barry Anderson  
Kristina Rentz  
Norma Lang (Trustee)

**Council**

Terri-Lynn Finck  
Melanie Lichtenberger  
Andrea Krill

**Parents/Others**

Kim S. (Town of Irricana)  
Karen U. (Village of Beiseker)  
Terri and Dan

**Call to Order: 7:02pm**

**Additions/Deletions of Agenda: Mascot for BSC and**

**Review of Minutes from last Meeting:** Motion to accept minutes as presented by Karen, Mel seconds.

**Student Report: No Student Report**

**Teacher's Report: Joanne Brown**

**New Science this year**

**Students made Animal Research books:**

- Table of contents
- Chapters
- Illustrations
- Then they will read to the grade 2 class

**Landscape and Ice Safety:**

What changes the land scape? Wind changes the landscape

What happens to water to in the winter in Alberta- Ice safety posters then will post around the school

**Chairperson's Report:**

- **Old Business:**
  - Kathryn/Irricana/Beiseker Scholarship Committee Update?
- **New Business:**
  - Read-a-thon wrapped up today with presentation of prizes
  - Request for PAC - School Mascot
  - December Dinner – tentatively December 13, 2022 @ 5/5:30
  - Financial Report: Opening and Closing Balance \$1546.44

**Principal/Assistant Principal Report:**

- Restorative Practices
  - All K-6 teachers, CDA & Admin were trained
  - Children may be talking more about circle conversations and/or restorative work with small groups
- Assessment Results – Now What?
  - As a school we will come up with a plan to address any of the literacy and numeracy concerns we have seen from the data collected.
- Awards Night, Remembrance Day Ceremony, Live Different
  - 3 big events in November
  - Awards night was well attended
  - Still looking for volunteers for the committee – meeting to take place next spring
- Read-a-thon
  - Huge success & THANK YOU to School Council for all the support
- New Curriculum Money
- First purchase - Snowshoes
- Parent Conferences – Dec 1
- In person, Online or Phone
- Exam Break – Gr 10-12, Regular classes for K-9

- January 2023 Final Assessment Period Guidelines
- Last day of regular classes is January 18.
- Reassessment period is January 19 – 26.
- The last day for re-assessments for Grade 12 diploma exam courses is January 24.
- January 27 – Supporting students with specialized or exceptional needs and providing support for students requiring social-emotional support will continue on this day.
- First day of Semester 2 is Monday, January 30 (\*due to Alberta Ed change prescribing grade 9 PAT dates)

## **Trustee Report: Norma Lang**

### **Awards Evening**

Thank you for inviting me to celebrate student achievement at BCS – thank you to staff for organizing meaningful celebrations that bring our community into the school.

### **Municipal Meetings**

As part of The Board's advocacy efforts this year, we reached out to 7 municipalities that make up the communities of RVS. The Board has scheduled meetings with them and to date we have met with the Town of Irricana, Rocky View County and the Village of Beiseker, the City of Airdrie, the Town of Crossfield and the Town of Cochrane. We will also be meeting soon with the City of Chestermere.

### **MLA meetings**

We have also reached out to all our local area MLAs – Nathan Cooper, Pete Guthrie, Miranda Rosin, Angela Pitt and Leela Aheer asking to meet and discuss our urgent need for schools. Meetings scheduled with all of them, and we appreciate their willingness to meet and help us advocate for students and their needs in RVS.

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### **Strategic Planning**

Board and exec are meeting this week to put finishing touches (responses to community feedback) and it will go to a Dec board meeting to be formally adopted for Jan 2023-2026

### **New Dual Credit Start-up Funding Coming from Alberta Education**

- Dual credits can be earned by high school students in grades 10-12 who participate in a post-secondary course and receive instruction from a post-secondary employed instructor. They receive a high school credit that counts towards graduation and a post-secondary credit from that institution in course work, apprenticeship or journey person certification.
- Currently, RVS has dual credit partnership agreements with Olds College, SAIT and U of C, and students are enrolled in psychology, agriculture technology, veterinary technology, introduction to agriculture mechanics and welding programs.
- RVS applied for and received additional funding for the fall of 2022 through the Alberta Education Dual • Partnerships with post-secondary institutions allow RVS to offer its students the opportunity to begin working towards their career goals before graduation from high school.

### **Division to Consider an Administrative Procedure for Before and After School Care Programs**

- Third-party before and after school programs have been run in some RVS schools since 2008. RVS administration will provide trustees with more information about the delivery of these programs along with its recommendation to the Board on development of an Administrative Procedure by Jan. 26, 2023.

Nov. 3, 2022

### **Student Showcase: Board Recognizes Students for Achieving 100 Per Cent Diploma Marks**

- Twice a year, the Rocky View Schools (RVS) Board of Trustees recognizes students who obtain a perfect mark of 100 per cent on a provincial diploma exam. Due to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, this is the first recognition of these student accomplishments since 2020.
  - o Keisha Basi from Cochrane High School earned 100 per cent in Biology 30
  - o Kai Suzuki from Airdrie's Bert Church High School earned 100 per cent in both Physics 30 and Biology 30

### **Board Requests 32 Urgently Needed Modularitys from Alberta Education**

- The need for more space for students in RVS is urgent as enrolment continues to climb adding 1,294 more students in RVS schools this year. The current overall utilization rate in RVS is 91 per cent - up four per cent from last year - and is expected to continue to rise to 101 per cent by 2026 if no new schools or modular units are approved by the provincial government.
- In addition to the new schools in Airdrie, Cochrane and Chestermere requested of the government, RVS is requesting 32 modular classrooms as part of Alberta Education's Annual Modular Classroom Program.

### **Renovation of the School on Powell Street in Cochrane to Proceed**

- RVS re-acquired the school building and associated land located at 129 Powell Street in Cochrane at the end of September. Since 1993, the Calgary Catholic School Division had operated the Holy Spirit School at this location.
- The building has a current capacity for 332 students, with space for an additional 150 if six modular units were to be added to the facility. Utilizing this building for RVS students would help to alleviate pressure in some other schools, as utilization rates in Cochrane are very high at 97 per cent.
- Trustees approved spending capital reserve funds to make upgrades to the building to ensure it will meet the needs of the school community. The

estimated cost of these upgrades is \$2.8 million. If work begins immediately, the school will be open to receive students in September 2023.

- The Board also approved directing the superintendent to proceed with a student accommodation consultation and bring forward recommendations in the spring of 2023 for accommodating students in the facility

**Question & Answer:**

**Next Meeting: Jan 24, 2022 @ 7pm via Zoom**

PJ Day – Nov 16

Volleyball Pep Rally – Nov 25

Moustache Day – Nov 30

PL Day – No School – Dec 5

Christmas Concert (7 pm) – Dec 15

Talent Show – Dec 22

Last Day of Class – Dec 22

First Day of Class – Jan 9

Last Day of Semester 1 (High School) – Jan 18

First Day of Semester 2 – Jan 30

**Adjournment: 7:47pm**