



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE EDUCATION CENTRE
2651 CHINOOK WINDS DRIVE S. W.
AIRDRIE, ALBERTA**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2009

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Chair
Vice-Chair

Sylvia Eggerer
Bev LaPeare
Don Thomas
Helen Clease
Jennifer Avery
Dr. Bruce Pettigrew
Colleen Munro

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools
Associate Superintendent of Business & Operations
Associate Superintendent of Schools
Acting Associate Superintendent of Learning
Associate Superintendent of Human Resources

Greg Bass
Darrell Couture
Murray Besenski
Dave Morris
Susan Williams

**COMMUNICATIONS:
RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Director of Communications
Executive Assistant

Angela Spanier
Karen Dolynny

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Sylvia Eggerer called the meeting to order at 1:48 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA:

#01 – 09 MOTION BY BEV LAPEARE:

That the Board of Trustees approves the January 15, 2009, Board meeting agenda as circulated with the following amendment:

- Move the In-camera item just ahead of the adjournment.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING:

#02 - 09 MOTION BY HELEN CLEASE:

That the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 4, 2008, as circulated.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE:

Exemplary Practice - Canadian Student Leadership Conference

Presenters: Grade 11 Student Presenters - Ally Montgomery and Amy Barnett
Bow Valley High Teacher - Dorothy Karlson

Project/Program Description - From September 27 to October 3, 2009, Rocky View Schools' Bow Valley High School and Chinook's Edge Olds High School will be co-hosting the prestigious Canadian Student Leadership Conference. Both schools are very excited to be welcoming over 600 active student leaders and 200 teacher advisors from all across the country for a week of exciting and inspiring learning activities.

This event theme is "Lead the Stampede", which aims to highlight leadership issues in a western setting. All aspects of the conference are planned and organized by students, with the support of teachers and community advisors, in an effort to allow students to actively practice the theories of leadership. The working group consists of approximately 45 students and 25 advisors that will work diligently over the next 9 months to make this event one of the best.

A number of sessions and workshops have been planned, covering topics such as: citizenship, volunteerism, school spirit, global thinking, diversity, goal setting, fundraising for charitable work, healthy lifestyles and personal development. Throughout the planning process and for the actual event, the working group's mandate is to impact the environment as little as possible and to promote and foster sustainability at all times.

Further details regarding our program will be provided soon on the conference website www.cslc2009.ca.

What makes this project a best instructional practice?

Both schools agree that it is easy to teach students the theory of leadership through Leadership 25/35, but considerably more difficult to give students meaningful, real life situations that put this theory into practice. This will be an experience like no other they have ever experienced.

Future implementation plans? It is hoped that schools from across the division will take part in this conference in September. Both the staff and students are more than happy to pass on their knowledge with other schools in our division, as well as with any of the future conference hosts from around Canada.

Chair Sylvia Eggerer recessed the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Chair Sylvia Eggerer reconvened the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

YOUTH LINK CALGARY

#03 - 09 Motion by Trustee Don Thomas:

That the Board of Trustees approves Rocky View Schools piloting the Youth Link Calgary's Media Awareness Plan.

CARRIED

REMOVAL OF PROCEDURE FROM POLICY

#04 - 09 Motion by Trustee Bev LaPeare:

That the Board of Trustees approves an omnibus motion to remove procedures from all policies pertaining to administrative functions in Rocky View Schools.

Chair Syliva Eggerer requested that Vice-Chair Bev LaPeare chair the Board meeting.

Vice Chair Bev LaPeare took over as Chair of the Board meeting at 2:47 p.m.

C. Munro proposed a friendly amendment to read:

That the Board of Trustees approves an omnibus motion to remove procedures from all policies pertaining to administrative functions in Rocky View Schools subject to the Board being notified of these changes.

Trustee Bev LaPeare did not accept the amendment as friendly.

#05 - 09 Motion by Trustee Colleen Munro:

That the Board of Trustees approves an omnibus motion to remove procedures from all policies pertaining to administrative functions in Rocky View Schools subject to the Board being notified of these changes.

DEFEATED

Chair Sylvia Egger reconvened as Chair of the Board meeting at 3:10 p.m.

#06 - 09 Motion by Trustee Don Thomas:

That the Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to report to the Board of any major procedural changes.

DEFEATED

#07 - 09 Motion by Trustee Bruce Pettigrew:

That the Board of Trustees table this issue to the February 5, 2009, Board Planning Meeting.

CARRIED

POLICY ADA SCHOOL DIVISION PLAN

#08 - 09 Motion by Trustee Helen Clease:

That the Board of Trustees gives First Reading to Policy ADA School Division Plan as presented, and subsequently, final approval through Second Reading.

CARRIED

POLICY AE GOALS OF THE SCHOOL DIVISION

#09 - 09 Motion by Trustee Jennifer Avery:

That the Board of Trustees rescinds Policy AE Goals of the School Division, and incorporates the goal statement into Policy AD Mission Statement of Rocky View Schools, renaming it '*Mission Statement and Goals of Rocky View Schools*'.

CARRIED

POLICY AG SCHOOL DIVISION ANNUAL REPORT

#10 - 09 Motion by Trustee Colleen Munro:

That the Board of Trustees gives First Reading to Policy AG School Division Annual Report as presented, and subsequently, final approval through Second Reading.

CARRIED

NEW LANGDON SCHOOL NAME

#11 - 09 Motion by Trustee Bev LaPeare:

That the Board of Trustees approves '**Sarah Thompson Elementary School**' as the name of the new K-4 elementary school being constructed in Langdon.

CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEMS:

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Dave Morris reported on Rocky View's Accountability Progress Report on professional learning.

- Three centrally coordinated days organized around a Community of Practice model (C of P).
- Schools and Education Centre services reduce reliance on substitute release for professional learning.
- C of P directed to establish and maintain an online presence to document ongoing work, promoting 21st Century Learning goals of Rocky View's 3-Year Plan.
- C of P offered to all teaching and some support staff.
- Choice of C of P prioritized new curriculum implementation focusing on changing pedagogy to reflect curriculum intent.
- Move toward systemic support, development and coordination of professional learning with jurisdictional, regional and provincial partners.

- Link professional learning with division's Alberta Initiative for School Improvement project.

#12 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE HELEN CLEASE:

That the Board of Trustees receives as information Rocky View's Accountability Progress Report concerning Professional Learning.

CARRIED

LIFE LONG LEARNING

Murray Besenski, Associate Superintendent of Schools, reported on Rocky View's Accountability Progress Report on life long learning.

Review and update on Rocky View Schools Three Year Education Goal Two: *Learners are competent, qualified and dedicated Outcome: Students and staff demonstrate life-long learning.* For students this includes high school to post-secondary transition rates and percentage of Grade 12 students who meet the Rutherford Scholarship eligibility criteria. For staff this includes percentage of staff that identifies a professional learning goal that links to the school/Three Year Education Plan.

Rocky View Schools Transition Rates (6 Year) Alberta Education Accountability Pillar Overall Summary report has a Measure Evaluation Achievement rate of high (green) and Improvement rate of improved significantly (blue). Rocky View Schools Rutherford Scholarship Eligibility Rate Alberta Education Accountability Pillar Overall Summary report has a Measure Evaluation Achievement rate of high (green) and Improvement rate of improved significantly (blue).

#13 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BRUCE PETTIGREW :

That the Board of Trustees receives as information Rocky View's Accountability Progress Report concerning Life Long Learning.

CARRIED

SCHOOL COUNCIL ORIENTATION AND PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PLAN

In September 2008, the Superintendent Working Committee on Communications/PR was charged by the Superintendent to fulfil two strategies outlined in RVS' 2008-2011 Three Year Plan. Those strategies are:

1. To develop and employ a School Council Orientation Program (Goal 1/Outcome 1.2)
2. To develop a School Council Professional Learning Plan (Goal 6/Outcome 6.4)

In response to this request, the Committee conducted a School Council Focus Group on October 9, 2008, to review and confirm the results of a School Council Needs Assessment conducted in the Spring 2008.

Based on the feedback provided by school councils through the needs assessment and focus groups, the Superintendent Working Committee on Communications/PR developed a draft School Council Orientation Program and Professional Learning Plan. Both drafts were distributed to School Councils in November for further feedback, with 19 councils responding by January 5, 2009. Five themes emerged from the feedback:

- Open the Orientation and Professional Learning Plan sessions to all parents.
- Hold the Orientation Program later in June to allow all councils to have their

- establishment meetings.
- Hold three Professional Learning Sessions per year.
- Hold the Education Plan session in conjunction with the preparation of School Education Plans.
- Saturday sessions may not see as many people attend, as they have commitments with their children on the weekends.

The most current draft of RVS' School Council Orientation Program and Professional Learning Plan was provided. The intent behind both the School Council Orientation Program and the School Council Professional Development Plans are that they become regular programs in the jurisdiction, which is to say they will be held at the same time each year. Although the content may change, it is the hope that through these programs an ongoing working relationship will be established with our school councils, providing them with the information and training they require.

#14 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BRUCE PETTIGREW:

That the Board of Trustees receives as information School Council Orientation and Professional Learning Plan.

CARRIED

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sylvia Eggerer Reported:

- November 25 – Met the Chestermere Town Council. They are planning future recreation and school sites.
- November 25 & 26 – RVAA/RVS Retreat 'Great Leaders, Great Teams, Great Results' at Nakoda Lodge.
- November 27 – Rocky View Municipal District public meeting. Discussion on the new land use agreement and new arena and park near Cochrane and Springbank.
- December 8 – Rocky View Learning Connection held a web based parent meeting. I was able to use the illuminate system which allows interactive conversations as well.
- December 9 – Ecole Airdrie Middle School Council meeting. Discussion was held on the evaluation of Active Living Days.
- December 10 – Meadowbrook Middle School Council meeting
- December 11 – Board and Superintendent Evaluation
- December 11 – Education Centre Christmas Luncheon
- December 15 – Maintenance Department Breakfast
- December 16 – George McDougall High School Council meeting
- December 17 – Ecole Edwards Elementary School – made gingerbread houses in Madame Richard's class.
- December 18 – Professional Learning Committee – Human Resources Presentation and Mac In-service.
- January 6 – Crime-stoppers Committee – RVS received books, pencils and pencil holders for each classroom.
- January 7 – RJ Hawkey School Council meeting
- January 8 – Board Agenda Planning review
- January 9 – ASBA Zone 5 meeting

- January 12 – In-service on the Mac computer
- January 13 – Alberta Health Services meeting with new provincial Board. Recognition of previous Board and outline of new organization
- January 14 – Meadowbrook Middle School Council meeting

Bev LaPeare Reported:

- December 5 – Prairie Waters Elementary School Council meeting
- December 5 – New Langdon School “Name the School” Committee meeting
- December 8 – RVS Jazz Festival at the Education Center
- December 8 – Student Expulsion Hearing
- December 11 – Agenda Review meeting
- December 11 – Superintendent Evaluation
- December 11 – Education Centre Christmas Luncheon
- December 11 – Board Evaluation
- December 11 – Setting the Direction Special Education meeting
- December 16 – Calendar Committee Meeting
- December 16 – Chestermere High School Christmas musical – Great job!
- December 17 - Langdon School K-2 Christmas Concert – Awesome!
- December 17 – Chestermere High School Band Concert – Outstanding!
- December 18 – Board Professional Learning
- January 7 – Langdon High School Site planning meeting
- January 7 – Chestermere/Conrich Regional Recreation Board at Municipal District office
- January 8 – Agenda Review meeting
- January 8 – PDLC (Professional Development Leave Committee) meeting
- January 9 – Zone 5 meeting
- January 9 - Transportation Committee meeting
- January 12 – Student Expulsion Hearing
- January 13 – Prince of Peace Christmas Concert – Great job!
- January 13 – Chestermere High School Council meeting
- January 14 – Langdon School Council meeting

Helen Clease Reported:

- December 8 – Expulsion Hearing
- December 8 – Meeting with Springbank Community High School Council Chair
- December 10 – Jr. Basketball at Cochrane High School
- December 11 – Board and Superintendent Evaluation
- December 11 – Education Centre Christmas Luncheon
- December 11 – Springbank Middle School Band Concert
- December 16 – Springbank Community High/Bow Valley High Jr. Girls Basketball
- December 17 – Banded Peak School Concert
- December 17 – Springbank Middle School 50 Year Celebration
- January 6 – Springbank Community High School Council Three Year Planning Meeting
- January 7 - Springbank Community High/Bert Church High Jr. Girls Basketball

- January 8 – Professional Learning Leave Committee meeting
- January 9 – ASBA Zone 5 meeting
- January 12 – Expulsion Hearing
- January 14 – Springbank Middle School Council meeting

Colleen Munro Reported:

- December 5 -- Westbrook School Council meeting
- December 5 -- Manachaban School recognition assembly
- December 8 -- Rocky View Football Banquet hosted by Cochrane High
- December 9 -- Budget and Allocation Committee
- December 10 -- Bearspaw School primary Christmas concert
- December 11 -- Superintendent and Board Evaluation Day
- December 11 -- Rocky View Trustees Lunch with Ed Centre staff
- December 11 -- Special Education Forum, Calgary
- December 11 – Education Centre Christmas Luncheon
- December 16 -- Grade 5 and 6 Christmas Concert, Manachaban School
- December 17 -- Springbank Middle School 50th Anniversary
- December 18 -- Trustee Professional Learning – a.m.
- December 18 -- Westbrook School Christmas Concert – afternoon
- December 18 -- Cochrane High Christmas band Concert -- evening
- January 9 -- ASBA Zone 5 meeting -morning
- January 9 -- Transportation Committee meeting
- January 14 -- Labour Committee meeting
- January 14 -- Bearspaw School Council meeting
- January 15 -- Board Planning and Public meeting

Jennifer Avery Reported:

- December 8 – Attended Beiseker School Council meeting
- December 10 – Attended Kathryn School Council meeting
- December 11 – Superintendent’s Evaluation/ Board Evaluation
- December 11 – Education Centre Christmas Luncheon

Alberta School Boards Association Report

- Bruce Pettigrew attend the ASBA Zone 5 on Friday, January 9, 2009
- Heather Wellwood, President, will meet with Boards if requested
- Edwin Parr submissions are due March 27, 2009
- National School Boards Association will meet in Banff, AB, in July, 2010
- Alberta Education will hold information sessions in April and October of each year
- Bruce Pettigrew is the representative for Teacher Preparation and Field Services
- Alberta Education will donate the materials used at the World Skills Competition to schools. Detailed information will be sent to school divisions following the competition.
- The Minister’s Summit – The ASBA is requesting Boards involvement.
- The ASBA is requesting feedback on the bargaining process

In-Camera:

#15 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE LAPEARE:

That the Board of Trustees moves to go in-camera at 4:14 p.m.

CARRIED

#16 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE HELEN CLEASE:

That the Board of Trustees moves out of in-camera at 4:31 p.m.

CARRIED

ITEMS FROM IN-CAMERA:

#17 – 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE DON THOMAS:

That the Student Suspension/Expulsion Report for November, 2008, as presented be accepted for information purposes.

CARRIED

#18 – 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE DON THOMAS:

That the Human Resources Report for November & December, 2008, as presented be accepted for information purposes.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

#19 - 08 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE:

That the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY-TREASURER