



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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2009**

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**TRUSTEES PRESENT:**

Chair, Ward 3	Sylvia Eggerer
Vice-Chair, Ward 2	Bev LaPeare
Ward 1	Jennifer Avery
Ward 6	Dr. Bruce Pettigrew
Ward 5	Colleen Munro
Ward 4	Helen Clease
Ward 7	Don Thomas

**ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:**

Superintendent of Schools	Greg Bass
Associate Superintendent of Business & Operations	Darrell Couture
Acting Associate Superintendent of Learning	Dave Morris
Associate Superintendent of Human Resources	Susan Williams
Associate Superintendent of Schools @ 2:00 p.m.	Murray Besenski

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Director of Communications	Angela Spanier
Executive Assistant	Karen Dolynny

**RECORDING SECRETARY:**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Sylvia Eggerer called the meeting to order at 12:48 p.m.

**IN - CAMERA:**

**#67 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE COLLEEN MUNRO:**

That the Board of Trustees move into in-camera at 12:48 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**#68 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE:**

That the Board of Trustees moves out of in-camera at 1:43 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**ITEMS FROM IN - CAMERA:**

**#69 – 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE HELEN CLEASE:**

That the RVS Human Resources Report for March, 2009, be accepted as presented, for information purposes.

**CARRIED**

**#70 – 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE:**

That the Monthly Financial Report for March, 2009, be accepted as presented, for information purposes.

**CARRIED**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA:**

**#71 – 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE HELEN CLEASE:**

That the Board of Trustees approves the March 19, 2009, Regular Board meeting agenda as circulated.

**CARRIED**

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING:**

**#72 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BRUCE PETTIGREW:**

That the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 5, 2009, as circulated.

**CARRIED**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

### **RVS 2008/2009 EDWIN PARR NOMINATION**

#### **#73 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JENNIFER AVERY:**

That the Board of Trustees nominates Nancy Espetveidt, a Grade 4 teacher at Bearspaw School, to receive the 2009 Edwin Parr Award and forwards her nomination to the Chair of the Alberta School Boards' Association Zone 5 by **March 27, 2009**.

**CARRIED**

### **BEISEKER GRADE CONFIGURATION**

#### **#74 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE JENNIFER AVERY:**

That the Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent of Schools to re-configure Beiseker Community School to a Kindergarten to Grade 12 grade configuration over a three year period, that being Grade 6 in the fall of 2009, Grade 7 in the fall of 2010, and Grade 8 in the fall of 2011.

**CARRIED**

### **ATTENDANCE AREA FOR CHESTERMERE FRENCH IMMERSION**

#### **#75 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE:**

That the Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to align the regional French Immersion attendance area for the SE portion of the division with the attendance area of Chestermere High School for those grades that offer a French Immersion Program within this attendance area. Students in this regional attendance area enrolled in French Immersion in other grades will continue to be directed to attend the French Immersion schools in Airdrie.

**CARRIED**

### **TENDER OF LANGDON PORTABLES**

#### **#76 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE:**

That the Board of Trustees approves the Langdon School modular classroom and connecting corridor link tender submitted by Integrated Commercial Interiors and authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a construction contract upon receiving approval of the tender from Alberta Infrastructure.

**CARRIED**

## **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

### **21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY LEARNING INSTRUCTIONAL PRACTICES**

August 30, 2008 – March 19, 2009

#### **SUMMARY**

Rocky View Schools believes that there needs to be a significant shift in teacher practice to enable teachers, schools and classrooms to prepare students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. In addition we recognize that the students of today are quite different as learners than even a few years ago. Further that advances in technology and digital resources have the potential to provide schools with the most current and highly interactive resources. We believe that the students must access these resources through their instruction or that they will utilize them for their own learning at another time and place. Rocky View Schools takes the position that teachers must use digital resources in their planning and instruction.

#### **WORK COMPLETED**

The Learning Department has re-organized the Professional Learning supports in RVS. This includes a three pronged approach that includes, Communities of Practice, Embedded Coaching and Learning Specialists support. The three centrally planned professional learning days have seen the development of over 190 communities of practice. Topics for these communities include curriculum, social emotional support, 21<sup>st</sup> century learning, ESL, technology, administration and many more. These groups have posted over 400 items to the plones sites for these communities.

Two rounds of embedded coaching have taken place involving a number of schools. The embedded coaching is a vehicle to support teachers through a coaching and mentoring format as they begin to shift their practice.

RVS knowledge experts continue to work in schools providing curriculum implementation support, FNMI support, Gifted Education support and support for infusing technology into the curriculum.

Three sites have been identified as locations to collect, publish and celebrate instructional practices. Off the main web page Engaging 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners, The Learning Web portal and the Technology Web portal. The Learning web portal, as an example, has samples of 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching and learning practices, Assessment practices, the learning model, assistive technologies, links to resources and links to digital resources such as learnalberta.

There is a great deal of discussion that has been generated surrounding the three year plan and its aggressive priorities and goals in the area of 21<sup>st</sup> century learning. Schools have taken p these discussions and incorporated them into their School Educational and professional leaning plans.

#### **WORK REMAINING**

Continue to build awareness in the schools and parent communities of the learning model. Many schools are far behind with understanding and recognizing how practices must shift and in the utilization of digital resources. We need to continue to provide authentic examples of 21<sup>st</sup> century leaning that is occurring in RVS. In addition, we need to in-service our school based administrators so that they are 21<sup>st</sup> century instructional leaders. This means that they can recognize what this looks like in the classroom.

## SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Development of the Learning model
- Acquisition of digital resources and links to resources
- Communities of Practice launch
- Implementation of embedded coaching

## CHALLENGES AHEAD

We believe that this is a critical strategy in demonstrating to schools the shift in practice that is required. Some schools and teachers are very far behind. We believe that the key is through education of school based administrators.

### **#77 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE HELEN CLEASE:**

That the Board of Trustees receives as information Rocky View's Accountability Progress Report concerning 21<sup>st</sup> Century instructional practices.

**CARRIED**

## **21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY LEARNING CULTURE**

August 30, 2008 – March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### SUMMARY

Much work has been initiated in 21<sup>st</sup> Century instructional practices that are beginning to shape the culture of RVS to become a 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning organization.

### WORK COMPLETED

In addition to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century instructional practice work, RVS has established a focus upon reworking policy and procedure to support a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning culture. As policy is reviewed, it is done so in the context of our collective vision. A new accountability framework has been developed and implemented.

### WORK REMAINING

The build-out of infrastructure needs to incorporate 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning spaces that is consistent with our vision. Discussions need to continue about what it looks, sounds, and feels like so we deliver on spaces that provide for the transformation of teaching and learning in Rocky View Schools.

### SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Before and After School Care Implementation
- Policy and procedural emphasis on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning
- Accountability framework developed

### CHALLENGES AHEAD

The challenge moving forward is to maintain our focus on our exciting vision that will serve our learners well into the future. RVS needs to be insulated from further change to allow for this focus to seed and begin to transform learning experiences. Consistent focus and dedication toward our learning culture shift is required for several years to come by all stakeholders.

**#78 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BRUCE PETTIGREW:**

That the Board of Trustees receives as information Rocky View's Accountability Progress Report concerning 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning culture.

**CARRIED**

**BOARD PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND CONFERENCES:**

ASBA Summit Putting the Public Back in Public Education – March 13 and 14, 2009 in Edmonton  
H. Cleave, S. Eggerer attended along with four community representatives.

Superintendent of Schools of Greg Bass reported:

- CASS Zone 5 meeting is being hosted by RVS on March 20, 2009. RVS will be presenting on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning.
- CASS AGM - April 23 & 24, 2009, in Edmonton
- CASS Moving and Improving Conference - June 3 to 5, 2009, in Canmore

**BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Sylvia Eggerer Reported:**

- February 12 – Attended Human Resources Lunch at the Education Centre
- February 12 – Attended Special Board meeting
- February 20 – Attended Audit Committee meeting – drafted terms of reference
- February 20 – Attended Transportation Committee meeting
- February 25 – Attended Ecole Edwards School Council meeting
- February 25 – Attended Bert Church School Council meeting
- February 26 – Attended Trustee Professional Learning
- March 4 – Attended City of Airdrie Centennial Committee meeting
- March 4 – Attended Labour Relations Committee meeting
- March 4 – Attended RJ Hawkey School Council meeting
- March 5 – Attended Board Planning and Regular meetings
- March 5 – Attended Breaking Bread Potluck Dinner at George McDougall High School
- March 9 – Attended meeting with Town of Chestermere, MD of Rockyview and Calgary Catholic Board
- March 10 – Attended TEAC meeting
- March 10 – Attended Ecole Airdrie Middle School Council meeting
- March 11 – Attended Meadowbrook Middle School Council meeting
- March 12 – Attended Board Agenda Review meeting
- March 12 – Attended RVAA Professional Learning evening
- March 13/14 – Attended ASBA Summit 'Putting the Public Back in Public Education'
- March 17 – Attended Policy Development Committee meeting
- March 17 – Attended St. Patrick's Day Craft activity at RJ Hawkey School
- March 17 – Attended George McDougall High School Council meeting
- March 17 – Attended Meadowbrook Grade 7 & 8 Musical Theatre

**Bev LaPeare Reported:**

- March 6 – Attended Zone 5 meeting
- March 9 – Attended Student Expulsion Hearing
- March 9 – Attended stakeholders meeting regarding future planning at the Chestermere Town Hall
- March 10 – Attended the Chestermere High School Council meeting
- March 11 – Attended the Langdon School Council meeting
- March 12 – Attended the Board Agenda Review meeting
- March 12 – Attended the parent information night regarding assessment at the Chestermere Lake Middle School
- March 18 – Attended the C.O.W. (Classroom on Wheels) event in Langdon
- March 18 - Attended a Playground Committee meeting/walk through at Prairie Waters School
- March 18 – Attended the Rainbow Creek School Council meeting
- March 19 – Attended the Board Planning and Regular Board meetings

**Jennifer Avery Reported:**

- January 12 – Attended Beiseker Parent Council
- January 12 – Attended Expulsion Hearing
- January 13 – Attended Crossfield Joint Parent Council
- January 14 – Attended Kathryn Parent Council
- January 15 – Attended RVS Planning & Board Meetings
- January 20 – Attended Crossfield Pubic Meeting for Grade Reconfiguration
- January 22 – Attended M.D. of Rockyview Advocacy Meeting
- January 22 – Attended RVS Planning Meeting
- January 27 – Attended Policy Development Meeting
- January 27 – Attended Mayor's Dinner of Excellence
- January 29 – Attended RVS Planning Meeting
- February 2 – Attended C.O.W. (Classroom on Wheels) Bus Meeting in Beiseker
- February 2 – Attended Irricana Public Hearing for 80 Acres
- February 3 – Attended Benefits Meeting
- February 4 – Attended Kathryn Public Meeting for Grade Reconfiguration
- February 5 – Attended RVS Planning & Board Meetings
- February 6 – Attended Beiseker Principle Interviews
- February 9 – Attended Beiseker Parent Council Meeting
- February 10 – Attended Beiseker Public Meeting for Grade Reconfiguration
- February 11 – Attended Kathryn Parent Council Meeting
- February 12 – Attended RVS Special Board Meeting
- February 23 – Attended Crossfield Rec. Board Meeting
- February 24 – Attended Attended Policy Development Meeting
- February 26 – Attended RVS Planning Meeting
- March 3 – Attended Edwin Parr Selection Committee Meeting
- March 4 – Attended Boys & Girls Information Meeting for Irricana by the Boys & Girls of Alberta
- March 5 – Attended RVS Planning & Board Meetings

- March 5 – Attended Rocky view East Rec. Board Meeting
- March 9 – Attended Beiseker Parent Council
- March 10 – Attended TEAC Meeting
- March 10 – Attended Crossfield Parent Council
- March 11 – Attended Kathryn Parent Council
- March 17 – Attended C.O.W. Bus Arrives in Beiseker
- March 17 – Attended Operators Meeting for Modular Initiative in Cochrane
- March 19 – Attended RVS Planning & Board Meeting
- March 19 – Attended Charitable Donations Meeting
- March 19 – Attended Village of Beiseker Advocacy Meeting

**Helen Clease Reported:**

- February 17 – Attended Springbank Community High School JV Basketball
- February 24 – Attended Rockyview West Recreation Board meeting
- February 26 – Attended Board Planning meeting
- February 26 - Attended Springbank Community High School JV Basketball
- March 4 – Attended Elbow Valley School Council meeting
- March 5 – Attended Board Planning and Regular Board meetings
- March 6 – Attended ASBA Zone 5 meeting
- March 9 – Attended Student Expulsion meeting
- March 9 – Attended Professional Learning Committee meeting
- March 11 – Attended Springbank Middle School Council meeting
- March 13/14 - Attended ASBA Summit - Putting the Public Back in Public Education
- March 16 - Attended the C.O.W. (Classroom on Wheels) Bus event in Bragg Creek
- March 17 – Attended Interviews for Principal of Banded Peak School
- March 17 – Attended Recreation Board meeting
- March 18 - Attended Springbank Community High School Council meeting
- March 19 – Attended Board Planning and Regular Board meetings

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**#79 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE:**

That the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

**CARRIED**

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**CHAIRMAN**

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**SECRETARY-TREASURER**