



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

THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2009

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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

TRUSTEES ABSENT WITH NOTICE:

All Present

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools	Greg Bass
Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations	Darrell Couture
Associate Superintendent of Schools	Murray Besenski
Associate Superintendent of Learning	Dr. David Peat
Associate Superintendent of Human Resources	Susan Williams

COMMUNICATIONS:
RECORDING SECRETARY:

Director of Communications	Angela Spanier
Executive Assistant	Karen Dolynny

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Sylvia Eggerer called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA:

#119 – 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE HELEN CLEASE :

That the Board of Trustees approves the May 21, 2009, Regular Board meeting agenda as circulated, together with the following amendments:

- Move the In-Camera item just prior adjournment.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING:

#125 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE DON THOMAS:

That the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 7, 2009, as circulated.

CARRIED

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

SCHOOL NAMES AND IDENTIFICATION OF SCHOOL PROGRAMS

#126 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE:

That the Board of Trustees recommends the Policy Review Committee develop revisions to Policy FF based on Alternate III:

That the formal name of the school (as registered with the province and signed on the building) remain the English version of the school name and that RVS adds to the sign mounted on the exterior face of the building on a separate line below the English version:

- 'English Language Regular Program' plus the name of the alternate school program (French Immersion Program or L'immersion française, Cochrane Christian Program, etc...)
- A single track school, other than one offering the English Regular Program, would only indicate the name of the single track program.
- School administration shall implement similar identification on their website and newsletter
- Signage changes would also initiate the addition of 'Rocky View Schools' to the exterior of the school.
- Pylon signs should incorporate similar guidelines

Discussion:

- signage changes would require sign permit applications to the municipality
- cost implications to signage changes (in the range of \$5,000 per line of text mounted to the exterior face of the building)
- once the alternate program is approved by the Board central administration implements the procedure without further Board review
- provides good clarity regarding programs offered within the school
- space on the face of the building for signage may be an issue

#127 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BRUCE PETTIGREW:

Trustee Bruce Pettigrew moved an amendment to motion #126 – 09 to delete the words “based on alternate”.

CARRIED

Trustee Helen Clease proposed a friendly amendment; the addition of “in a timely manner” at the end of the amended motion.

Trustee Bev LaPeare agreed the amendment was friendly.

Voting on motion #126 – 09 as amended:

CARRIED

INFORMATION

COMMUNITY PARTNERS – ACCOUNTABILITY PROGRESS REPORT

Gloria Wells, Director of Collaborative Initiatives, summarized the information.

SUMMARY

Goal 1: Learners have their basic and diverse needs met.

Outcome 1.1– Non-academic barriers to learning are recognized & addressed.

Strategies

- Review jurisdictional supports available to address non-academic barriers to learning.
- Expand delivery of Family School Liaison Program.
- Facilitate Alberta Mental Health School-Based Capacity Building & Systemic Mental Health Continuum initiatives.
- Facilitate Calgary Health Region/RVSD Healthy Eating & Health Promoting Schools initiatives.

WORK COMPLETED

- Student Health Partnership:* Partners: Alberta Health Services, Calgary Region, CBE, CCSD, Child and Family Services Authority, Independent Schools. In year 10, continue to work across the sectors in this region to develop and improve school-based health supports (Speech, Mental Health, some FSL, COPE, Transitions, UCAPES) to students.
- Town of Cochrane Community Family School Liaison Project:* Partner-Town of Cochrane FCSS. In year 9, continue to provide support to the work of the Family Resource Center through staff sharing, and strong linkages for community resource support to families in RVS schools.
- Stepping Stones:* Partners-Alberta Mental Health Board, Airdrie Boys and Girls Club, Chestermere FCSS, AADAC. Year 1 of 2.5 to design and implement enhanced prevention/mental health promotion programming in Bert Church, George MacDougall and Chestermere High Schools.
- Healthy Eating Initiative:* Partner- Alberta Health Services Healthy Communities Division, Calgary. Year 3 of 3 of the Healthy Eating Initiative.

Goal 6: Learning environments enable the acquisition of 21st Century skills.

Outcome 6.4 – Community partners provide expertise and support.

Strategy - Liaise with Alberta Education, service providers, curriculum developers and publishers

WORK COMPLETED

- Enhanced Access to School Facilities Initiative:* Partners- United Way of Calgary, Airdrie Boys and Girls Club, Cochrane FCSS, Cochrane Recreation, Cochrane Youth Society, Chestermere FCSS, Chestermere Recreation, Langdon Community, Government of Alberta via Minister Lindsay Hackett. Initial planning with partners and proposal development within 3 major RVS areas (north, west, east).
- Enhanced Mental Health Service Delivery Model:* Partners-Calgary Rocky View Student Health Partnership, Alberta Health Services, Calgary Child and Adolescent Mental Health Division. Planning underway for September/09 implementation.
- “The Fourth R” Health Curriculum Enhancement Project:* Partners- University of Waterloo, Canadian Mental Health Association, CBE Health Curriculum Specialist. Planning underway for September/09 implementation.
- Wellness Curriculum Development Advisory Committee:* Partners- Alberta Education, CASS (Gloria Wells CASS representative), and representatives from other school divisions and organizations.

5. *Centre for Youth Leadership*: Partners- University of Calgary Faculty of Education, Anonymous Foundation. Development and planning underway for beginning implementation in the Fall/09
6. *UCAPES Psychologists*: Partner- University of Calgary Faculty of Education Applied Psychology Dept. Completing first year of implementation of this initiative.
7. *Airdrie Community Resource Officer School Support model*: Partner- City of Airdrie. Beginning dialogue for fall implementation of school component of this community initiative.

Goal 1: Learners have their basic and diverse needs met.

Outcome 1.3 – Students accessing specialized programming and community supports experience success.

Strategies -

- Build awareness among schools and extend use of community support partnerships, initiatives and services i.e. United Way, Big Brothers & Sisters, QUEST.
- Further develop partnerships to increase student access to speech-language pathology, occupational therapy and physical therapy.

WORK COMPLETED

1. *MPower Mentoring*: Partner-Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Calgary. Year 1 of new organization, development of new agreements, processes and programming arising from merger between BBBS and AMFY (Alberta Foundation for Youth) to provide mentorship programs in middle and high schools in Airdrie and Cochrane.
2. *Continued placement of students with severe physical, intellectual and social/emotional need*: Partners - QUEST, Calgary Board of Education.
3. *Continued collaboration to access cross-ministry expertise for planning, intervention and funding purposes*: Partner- Children with Complex Needs (CYCN).
4. *Students with Autism*: Partner- Autism Treatment Services of Canada. Planning has begun for the implementation of *Autism Pro* as a pilot school/parent support approach using computer-based professional learning and information access.
5. *FNMI Students Social/Emotional Support*: Partners – Cochrane Mental Health Services, Boys & Girls Club.
6. *DIAND Students*: Partners – Cochrane Karate Club/Cochrane Eagle provided free Karate for 20 weeks at Glenbow Elementary School; Morley Community School provided video conferencing of the Stoney/Nakoda language classes for Glenbow Elementary School DIAND students.
7. *Aboriginal Parent Group*: Partners- Cochrane Parent Link supported the group with space, facilitator, and baby-sitting; Starbucks Coffee supported with refreshments.
8. *Student Health Partnership*: Due to an overall reduction in funding for Student Health partnerships, school-based occupational therapy and physical therapy services have been reduced; Speech-language Pathologist services were maintained.

WORK REMAINING

Ongoing planning, development and implementation of the initiatives undertaken through these partnerships.

SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS

- A.** Provision of a range of enhanced supports to RVS students.
- B.** Development of new partnerships with the potential to provide ongoing innovative, supportive opportunities for the students, schools and division in the future.
- C.** Significant profile provincially and nationally as a result of the success of the Healthy Eating Initiative.

CHALLENGES AHEAD

1. Maintaining the momentum established by some of the programs notwithstanding reduction of partner involvement/contributions.
2. Maintaining levels of service previously established due to net losses in funding.
3. Continuing the service delivery models established for enhanced services in the wake of significant changes in program and resourcing of baseline and school-based services.

EVALUATION OF WORK

For most of the initiatives, the partners, in collaboration with RVS, have developed a built-in evaluation process, some being undertaken by staff provided through the partnership (e.g., *Student Health Partnership, Stepping Stones, Healthy Eating Initiative, The Fourth R*). The evaluation of services provided via the Collaborative Initiatives and/or Learning Branches is undertaken through departmental processes (e.g., satisfaction surveys, focus groups, or via divisional surveys).

#128 - 09 Motion by Trustee Bev LaPeare:

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

CARRIED

UPDATE ON H1N1

Calgary Health Region has taken over control of the process and will no longer call the jurisdictions directly. Centre for Communicable Disease is the contact for information. RVS has minimized the risk with the implementation of our communication processes to parents.

Helen Clease recognized RVS Executive for the efficient and informative way they are handling H1N1.

MEDIA RELEASE

Nancy Espetveidt, a teacher at Bearspaw School, was honoured as the ASBA Zone 5 Edwin Parr winner at an awards ceremony May 12, 2009, for demonstrating excellence as a first year teacher. Julie Stover, a teacher from Glenbow Elementary, and Joshua Hill, a teacher from Langdon, will also be recognized by Alberta Education, Excellence in Teaching, May 30, 2009, in recognition of their creative and inspiring work in the public education system.

BILL 44

The Board of Trustees of Rocky View Schools will be sending a letter to The Honourable Lindsay Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, expressing its concerns about the notice and exclusion requirements in the proposed section 11.1 of Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009.

#129 - 09 Motion by Trustee Don Thomas:

That the Board of Trustees submits a letter to the Honourable Lindsay Blackett, Minister of Culture and Community Spirit, expressing its concerns about the notice and exclusion requirement in the proposed section 11.1 of Bill 44, Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism Amendment Act, 2009.

Trustee Bruce Pettigrew proposed a friendly amendment to edit the current draft letter by stating the views of the Board in a stronger tone.

Trustee Don Thomas accepted the proposed amendment as friendly.

Voting on motion #129 – 09 as amended:

CARRIED

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sylvia Eggerer Reported:

- May 7 – Attended Board Planning and Regular Board meetings.
- May 8 – Attended Bert Church High School Graduation Ceremonies
- May 9 – Attended Bert Church Graduation Banquet
- May 11 – Attended “Bowl-i-licious” Fundraiser for the Airdrie Food Bank. Ceramic bowls were painted and then sold with proceeds going to the Airdrie Food Bank.
- May 12 – Attended TEAC meeting.
- May 12 – Ecole Airdrie Middle School held an option registration instead of a School Council meeting.
- May 12 – Attended Plus 55 Summer Games meeting.
- May 13 – Attended an agenda planning meeting.
- May 13 – Attended Speed of Trust, Steven Covey Workshop.
- May 13 – Attended Meadowbrook Middle School Council meeting.
- May 14 – Attended Edwin Parr Banquet. Congratulations to Nancy Espetveidt, teacher at Bearspaw School as she was honoured as the ASBA Zone 5 Edwin Parr winner.
- May 19 – Attended RVAA Golf and barbeque. Thanks to the RVAA for inviting the trustees to this event.
- May 19 – Attended Leadership Team meeting.
- May 19 – Attended George McDougall School Council meeting. Presentation “Weed”.
- May 20 – Attended Airdrie and District Community Foundation.
- May 20 – Attended Bert Church High School Council meeting.
- May 21 – Attended Board Planning and Regular Board meetings.

Bev LaPeare Reported:

- May 7 – Attended Board Planning and Regular Board meetings.
- May 12 – Attended the Chestermere High School Council meeting.
- May 13 – Attended agenda planning meeting.
- May 13 – Attended the Covey “Speed of Trust” workshop.
- May 13 – Attended Student Expulsion Hearing.

- May 13 – Attended the Langdon School Council meeting.
- May 14 – Attended Edwin Parr Awards and Banquet.
- May 15 – Attended Zone 5 meeting.
- May 19 – Attended the Leadership Team meeting with the administrators.
- May 20 – Attended PDLC. (Professional Development Leave Committee)
- May 20 – Attended the Rainbow Creek School Council meeting.
- May 21 – Attended the Board Planning and Regular Board meetings.
- Congratulations to all Rocky View School graduates.

Bruce Pettigrew Reported:

- Cochrane Steering Committee has held three meetings and discussions will continue.
- One Voice Group – Parent Council – attending the Minister’s Forum on Special Education in June. The group has met with parents of special needs students and have gathered feedback from parents in the community

Colleen Munro reported:

- Cochrane High celebrated its graduation at the Rock Point Church and was well attended.

Helen Cleese:

- Private School Funding resolution by Springbank High School – resolution was accepted at the PSBA.
- Springbank High School Council continues to work on its Three Year Education Plan.
- Springbank High School Graduation.
- May 11 – Attended Music Fest at Elbow Valley Elementary.
- May 13 – Attended Stephen Covey - Speed of Trust.
- May 13 – Attended Springbank Middle School Council Annual General Meeting.
- May 14 – Attended the Edwin Parr Banquet
- May 15 – Attended ASBA Zone 5 meeting.
- May 16 – Attended Springbank Community High School Graduation
- May 19 – Attended Benefits Committee meeting.
- May 19 - Attended Rocky View West Rec Board meeting.
- May 20 – Attended PDLC Committee meeting.
- May 20 – Attended Springbank Community High School Council Annual General Meeting.
- May 21 – Attended Regular Board and Planning meetings.

Jennifer Avery reported:

- May 22 – Beiseker Community High School Graduation
- Rocky View West Recreation Board will be meeting the last week of May.

NEW BUSINESS:

NOTICE OF MOTION BY TRUSTEE JENNIFER AVERY

Notice of motion is hereby given that Trustee Jennifer Avery intends to make the following motion at the October 1, 2009 Board meeting:

That the Board of Trustees approves a grade configuration change for Kathryn School so that it becomes a grade 1 to 9 school with options on the best time line this should happen. i.e. Possible commencement for the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion # 130 by Trustee Jennifer Avery:

That In order for the Board to consider the motion to change the grade configuration of Kathryn School to grade 1 to 9 (from grade 1 to 8), at the Board's October 1, 2009 meeting I move that the Superintendent be instructed to set up appropriate consultation process for the Kathryn School community.

CARRIED

IN - CAMERA:

#131 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE:

That the Board of Trustees move into in-camera at 3:00 p.m.

CARRIED

#132 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE HELEN CLEASE

That the Board of Trustees move out of in-camera at 3:18 p.m.

CARRIED

ITEMS FROM IN - CAMERA:

#133 – 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE HELEN CLEASE:

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

CARRIED

#134 – 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE COLLEEN MUNRO:

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

CARRIED

#135 – 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE DON THOMAS:

That the Student Suspension/Expulsion Report for April, 2009, be accepted as presented, for information purposes.

CARRIED

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:

Chair Sylvia Eggerer read a letter from Alberta Education Minister of Infrastructure, Jack Hayden, authorizing the transfer land adjacent to the Bow Valley High School site in Cochrane. This transfer is land for land and no monies will be exchanged.

Chair Sylvia Eggerer read a letter from Alberta Education Minister of Infrastructure, Jack Hayden, announcing that two additional standard core school designs for grade 5 – 9 middle schools have been developed and adopted to support school infrastructure to meet the needs of a growing economy. The designs are in the development stage and are intended for use throughout Alberta with minor modifications to suit local geographical conditions.

ADJOURNMENT:

#136 - 09 MOTION BY TRUSTEE COLLEEN MUNRO:

That the Regular Board meeting be adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY-TREASURER