



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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

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| Chair, Ward 6 | Dr. Bruce Pettigrew |
| Vice Chair, Ward 2 | Bev LaPeare |
| Ward 1 | Norma Lang |
| Ward 3 | Sylvia Eggerer |
| Ward 3 | Don Thomas |
| Ward 5 | Colleen Munro |
| Ward 4 | Helen Clease |

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

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| Superintendent of Schools | Greg Bass |
| Associate Superintendent of Business & Operations | Darrell Couture |
| Communications Writer | Sarah McNab |

RECORDING SECRETARY:

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| Executive Assistant | Karen Dolynny |
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CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Bruce Pettigrew called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA:

#193-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE:

That the Board of Trustees approves the September 15, 2011, Regular Board meeting agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETINGS:

#194-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:

That the Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 1, 2011, as presented.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: A SYMPHONY OF SCHOOLS: ROCKY VIEW STUDENTS PERFORM BEETHOVEN

Presenters: Luke Sandham, Teacher
Gayla Worden, Teacher

Teacher Participants: Gayla Worden, Verna Ahner, Lael Johnston, Luke Sandham, Andrea Todd Osika, Kelly Simon, Laurie Woelk, Danielle Istchenko, Cathy Brown, Jacqui Kiernan, Pam Curran, Theresa Carroll, Jessica Jackson (Scott), Leanne McCaffrey, Karlie Kenealey, Kim Ferguson, Diego Bechthold, Jordan Harris, Kristi Baratelli, Cathy Maetche, Shelley Rowe, Kaitlin DeShane, Lynn Fischer, Laurie McLelland, Natalie Roy, Stephanie Watson, Susan Rudakoff, Kathy Bridle (Maclsaac), Peter Bouvier, Lori Dalcin

School Participants: Langdon School, Chestermere Lake Middle School, Chestermere High School, Prince of Peace School, Meadowbrook Middle School, R.J. Hawkey Elementary School, Bert Church High School, George McDougall High School, Muriel Clayton Middle School, Ecole Airdrie Middle School, Edwards Elementary School, Ralph McCall School, Nose Creek Elementary School, Crossfield Elementary School, Bearspaw School, Banded Peak School, A.E. Bowers Elementary

Project Description

Produced by RVS' Music Community of Practice, *A Symphony of Schools: Rocky View Students Perform Beethoven*, is a video compilation of hundreds of students from Grades K – 12 performing "Finale: (Themes from Symphony No. 9)" by Ludwig van Beethoven.

Inspired by "Playing for Change", a multimedia movement created to engage and connect people across the world through music, members of the Community of Practice, led by Muriel Clayton Music Teacher Luke Sandham, produced the 10- minute video, involving more than 25 different school choirs and bands.

Over a period of six months, Sandham visited schools across the jurisdiction, recording audio and shooting video footage of each group performing to a bed track created by the Chestermere High School Band. He began by compiling all the music into one master audio track that featured the entrances of all the groups in a specific order. Serving as the skeleton for building the video, this master audio track was matched to video footage of the various choirs and bands, resulting in an example of collaboration at its finest.

What makes this project a best instructional practice?

Global Perspective: This project helped both teachers and students gain a more global perspective about the nature of the music education programs within RVS.

Engagement: This project engaged hundreds of students from Grades K – 12 in a highly successful common musical endeavour while providing significant challenges to everyone involved, regardless of their grade or ability level.

Timelessness: The raw materials for the performance (the music of Beethoven) originated in the early 19th Century, but the execution was reflective of using 21st Century practices. This project demonstrates that centuries-old subject matter and skills can be incredibly engaging and relevant to young people, even in our ultra-modern world.

Future implementation plans?

Several small-scale projects, designed to develop new music education initiatives among schools, are already in the planning stages. Students also will be encouraged to participate in these projects, by playing a role in production elements such as filming, recording, and editing.

How best can this practice be shared with other schools/educators?

A Symphony of Schools: Rocky View Students Perform Beethoven will be posted on the RVS corporate website, the Communities of Practice website, and on RVS' You Tube.

Was the project recognized by an external organization?

After the project was recognized by the Airdrie Council of School Councils, several of the Airdrie choirs and bands were asked to perform together at Premier Ed Stelmach's press conference where he announced capital funding for new schools. Those schools were: Bert Church High School, George MacDougall High School, A.E. Bowers Elementary, Ralph McCall School and Muriel Clayton Middle School.

Board Chair Bruce Pettigrew recessed the Regular Board meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Board Chair Bruce Pettigrew reconvened the Regular Board meeting at 1:37 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

POLICY IC SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREAS FIRST READ

#195-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE HELEN CLEASE:

That the Board of Trustees approves first read of amended Policy IC School Attendance Areas as presented.

#196-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE NORMA LANG:

That motion #195-11 be amended to add "subject to guideline number 7 being re-worded to: In all cases, out of attendance area requests begin with the principal of the school which the student is currently attending" and delete "as presented" at end of motion.

DEFEATED

VOTING ON MOTION #195:

That the Board of Trustees approves first read of amended Policy IC School Attendance Areas as presented.

DEFEATED

#197-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE DON THOMAS:

That the Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to take Policy IC School Attendance Areas back to the Policy Development Committee for further revision.

CARRIED

NAMING OF NEW CHESTERMERE LEARNING FACILITY

#198-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE:

That the Board of Trustees approve signage for the new building in Chestermere to be "RVS Community Learning Centre."

CARRIED

#199-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE HELEN CLEASE:

That the Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent to review signage for the Airdrie and Cochrane Learning Centres.

CARRIED

BOARD CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Bruce Pettigrew read a letter from Minister of Alberta Children and Youth Services, Yvonne Fritz, responding to the Board regarding the Community Learning and Research Centre. The Ministry is not in a position to access additional infrastructure funding for new projects in the 2011/2012 year, however, encouraged the Board to contact Chief Executive Officer of the Calgary and Area CFSA, Bonnie Johnston, as part of RVS' commitment to work with community partners in the planning phase of this project.

BOARD REPORTS

Bev LaPeare:

- August 18 – Attended Planning and Regular Board meetings
- August 29 – Participated in the Trustee Welcome Back Barbeque for Administrators and Education Centre Staff and Leadership Team meeting
- August 29 – Participated in Calendar Committee meeting
- September 1 – Attended Planning and Regular Board meetings
- September 2 – Attended ASBA Zone 5 meeting
- September 7 – Participated in Calendar Committee meeting
- September 9 – Attended the Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast at Langdon School
- September 12 – Participated in Generative Governance Committee meeting
- September 12 – Attended the Bow North Recreation Board meeting
- September 13 – Attended the Chestermere Interagency Luncheon meeting
- September 13 – Attended the Healthy Community Initiative meeting
- September 13 – Attended the Professional Development Leave Committee (PDLC) meeting
- September 13 – Attended the Chestermere High School Council meeting

Norma Lang:

- September 7 – Attended the Calgary Science Centre, Focus Group, on how to build education opportunities at the new Science Centre for Rocky View Communities
- September 7 – Announcement of RVS and NSD partnership to offer Passion for Sport opportunities at WGM in 2011 and a full Hockey School in 2012
- September 8 – Attended Crossfield and District Recreation Board
- September 12 – Attended Beiseker School Council meeting
- September 12 – Attended Rocky View County Central Recreation Board meeting
- September 14 – Attended Crossfield Elementary School Council meeting
- September 14 – Attended Kathryn School Council meeting

Trustee Norma Lang reported that WG Murdoch and Crossfield Schools in Crossfield have formed two separate schools councils.

Helen Clease:

- September 2 – Attended ASBA Zone 5 meeting
- September 3 - Volunteered for Bragg Creek Community Association Casino fundraiser

- September 7 – Attended West Recreation Board meeting
- September 7 – Attended Elbow Valley School Council meeting
- September 8 – Attended Springbank Football Field House official opening
- September 9 – Attended Springbank Middle School Pancake Breakfast
- September 9 & 10 – Springbank Park for All Seasons Fall Fair and Barn Dance which was a great success!
- September 13 – Attended ASBA Professional Development
- September 13 – Attended Professional Development Leave Committee meeting
- September 14 – Attended Advocacy Committee meeting
- September 14 – Attended Springbank Middle School Council Meeting
- September 14 – Attended Elbow Valley Meet the Teacher night
- September 15 – Attended Planning and Regular Board meetings
- September 15 – Attended Springbank Middle School Meet the Teacher night

Springbank Community High School is pleased to welcome Craig Keilburger, Children's Nobel Prize winner and founder of the Canadian activist group Free the Children, on Tuesday, October 18, 2011, at 7:30 pm

Trustee Helen Clease publicly recognized the extra effort put forth by the staff of the Maintenance Department for work accomplished over the summer months, and the Learning Department with the implementation of Power School. The Board will write a letter of thanks to the Maintenance and Learning Departments.

Colleen Munro:

Trustee Colleen Munro thanked the staff of Maintenance Department for the extra effort they put forth in attempting to restore power to Bearspaw School for the first day of school.

Sylvia Eggerer:

- September 7 – Attended Calendar Committee meeting
- September 12 – Attended Friends of RJ Hawkey Elementary School meeting
- September 12 – Submitted a report to the Ecole Airdrie Middle School Council meeting
- September 13 – Attended RJ Hawkey School Council meeting
- September 13 – Attended ASBA Professional Development
- September 14 – Attended Meadowbrook Middle School Council meeting
- September 14 – Attended Advocacy Committee meeting

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/CONFERENCES

National School Boards' Association registration opens on Monday, September 19, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

2012-2013 SCHOOL CALENDAR

#200-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SYLVIA EGGERER:

That the Board of Trustees directs the Superintendent of Schools to distribute the 2012-2013 school year calendar drafts 1, 2 and 3 to Rocky View Schools' stakeholders for feedback.

CARRIED

STUDENT ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Superintendent Greg Bass reported on student enrolment, which will be reported on September 15, September 19, September 26 and September 30. Student enrolment is estimated to increase by 350 students, or 2%.

POWER SCHOOL

Training sessions for Power School have been in place since the spring of 2011 for both support and teaching staff. Training support will continue throughout the school year. Power School has the potential to interface with emerging technologies such as igoogole, mahara and moodle.

IN CAMERA

#201-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE COLLEEN MUNRO:

That the meeting move in-camera at 2:35 p.m.

CARRIED

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#202-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE:

That the meeting move out of in-camera at 3:14 p.m.

CARRIED

ITEMS FROM IN CAMERA

#203-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE BEV LAPEARE:

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

CARRIED

#204-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE HELEN CLEASE:

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

CARRIED

#205-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE DON THOMAS:

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

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

#206-11 MOTION BY TRUSTEE COLLEEN MUNRO:

That the Board meeting adjourn at 3:41 p.m.

CARRIED

CHAIRMAN

SECRETARY-TREASURER