

THE BRIEF

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

Jan. 26, 2023

Langdon Students Showcase SIM Settlements

- Grade 7 students from Langdon School presented to trustees an inquiry-based simulation project intended to teach them about the origins of culture, using math, science, social studies and English language arts.
- The students assumed the roles and identities of settlers in New France in the late 1600s. Through exploration and collaboration, they built a settlement and then imagined living there for a year, facing different challenges and working together to overcome obstacles.
- Through this project, students learned literacy and numeracy skills and acquired core competencies – one of the outcomes of Rocky View School's (RVS) Four-Year Education Plan.

Introduction of New Course for French Language Learners Approved

- High school French language learners in RVS will have access to a new Locally Developed Course (LDC) starting the end of January, pending approval from Alberta Education. Trustees approved the ability for high schools to offer this new course which provides students with the time and opportunity to improve their competence with the French language while developing and extending their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills through the exploration and creation of expository French texts.
- LDCs are developed, acquired and authorized by school authorities to provide students with unique opportunities to explore a range of interests in subject areas that complement provincial programs of study and allow school authorities to be innovative and responsive at the local level.

Population Growth Still a Significant Factor in Increasing Student Enrolment

- As of Jan. 20, 2023, the number of students enrolled in RVS schools is 27,825, an increase of 213 since Sept. 30, 2022. This brings the total number of new students joining RVS for the current school year to 1,203.
- Significant population growth in the communities we serve remains the primary reason for this increase in enrolment.
- RVS continues to advocate on behalf of its growing student population for additional school approvals to address its urgent need for additional space for students.

Artificial Turf Field Approved for New School in Langdon

- Trustees approved spending a maximum of \$1.84 million to install an artificial turf field at the junior/senior school currently under construction in Langdon.

- Funding for the project will come from grants, cash in-lieu and RVS reserves. Once completed, RVS will also rent the field out to community groups which will help recoup some of the initial construction and maintenance costs.
- Trustees also directed administration to plan for the inclusion of artificial turf fields to be built in all future RVS high school sites.

Process for Third-Party Before- and After-School Programs to be Developed

- Trustees directed Superintendent of Schools, Greg Luterbach to develop an administrative procedure outlining the parameters, process and approvals involved in third parties operating before- and after-school (B&AS) programs in RVS schools.
- Finding space for B&AS programs in RVS' already over-utilized schools is a challenge. The focus for RVS will remain on the education of students. Where flexible space is available and practical then a B&AS program could be considered.