



REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RVS EDUCATION CENTRE
2651 CHINOOK WINDS DR. SW

AIRDRIE, AB

FEBRUARY 3, 2022

10:00 a.m. Regular Board Meeting

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
Rocky View Schools would like to acknowledge the land and recognize all the Indigenous Peoples whose footprints have marked these lands from time immemorial. Together, we can learn and honour the ways of knowing of Indigenous Peoples for all future generations.
2. Approval of Agenda
3. In Camera Meeting
4. Motions Arising from In Camera
5. Approval of Minutes
 - a) Regular Board Meeting – January 20, 2022
6. Exemplary Practice/ Student Showcase
 - a) Natural Regions of Alberta, Prairie Waters Elementary School
7. Superintendent's Report
8. Chair's Report/Correspondence
9. Committee Reports
 - a) Planning
10. Trustee Reports
11. New Business
12. Adjournment

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EXEMPLARY PRACTICE

TO: THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Date of Meeting: Feb. 3, 2022

Showcase Name: Prairie Waters Elementary School – Natural Regions of Alberta

Teacher: Joanna Wambura, Abby Martin, George Walton

Project Description

Grade 4 students at Prairie Waters Elementary School are currently involved in a year-long hands-on research project to connect the evolution of six natural regions in Alberta with the impact of humans over time. Working in groups, students built models of Alberta's landscape, with major landforms and natural features that make the region unique and recognizable.

Using the six natural regions, students have tracked different periods and their impacts beginning with Indigenous peoples living on the land and followed by the development of the fur trade, immigration of farmers and settlers and the development of major industries. Structures and settlements are added to the board to show change over time. As we move through the year, students describe when and what changes have occurred in the province. They also reflect on how these changes have impacted the natural environment, Indigenous peoples and their traditional ways of life.

This project is a hands-on learning opportunity for students and presents them with transdisciplinary way of learning, covering topics in social studies, science, language arts, math, art and physical education. It incorporates built-in differentiation by combining hands-on building, physical representation of the learning and the ability to review what has changed. Regardless of academic level, students can engage with the changes and their impacts. There is also the opportunity for students to demonstrate multiple ways of learning, taking assessment beyond written responses or worksheets.



SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FEBRUARY 3, 2022

AGENDA

1. Chestermere Christian Program Update

ACTION

Information

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Luterbach", with a small star-like mark above the final letter.

Greg Luterbach
Superintendent of Schools

INFORMATION ITEM



TO: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Item: Chestermere Christian Program Update

Date of Meeting: February 3, 2022

Background:

Prince of Peace Lutheran School is an RVS K to Gr. 9 school offering faith-based programming. It serves families in Chestermere, Langdon, rural Rocky View County, Calgary, and Airdrie. Prince of Peace Lutheran School was originally a private school which in 2006 officially became part of RVS and has been a Christian school of choice in RVS since that time. RVS never owned the facility.

RVS has made numerous attempts in previous years to remain in the building including requesting the Government of Alberta purchase the property and making two purchase bids ourselves. With those efforts unsuccessful, we were able to negotiate the extension of RVS' lease agreement in March of 2019. In early February 2021, RVS received official notice from the landlord of the Prince of Peace Lutheran School property (Sage Properties Corp.) that it is executing its right to terminate the lease with RVS effective Aug. 5, 2022.

On March 18, 2021, administration brought forward a plan in line with Policy 15 so that the Board could consider Prince of Peace Lutheran School's future. Public consultation on the school closure was held in spring of 2021 and on May 13, 2021, the Board ultimately made the difficult decision to:

The Board close Prince of Peace Lutheran School effective August 2022 and, if sufficient numbers make the program viable, start a new K-6 Christian program at East Lake School and a 7-9 Christian program at Chestermere Lake Middle School for August 2022.

Current Status:

We currently have 323 students at Prince of Peace Lutheran School. Not surprising, families and staff remain highly committed to the school. A working group of RVS' Learning Department, Schools Department, and administrators from Prince of Peace, East Lake and Chestermere Lake Middle schools have been meeting to plan for closure of Prince of Peace and the opening of a new Chestermere Christian Program. A team of Directors from the Education Centre have also been discussing the transition into a program of choice on the east side of RVS.

On Jan. 25, 2022, RVS administration send a series of letters out to families (see attached).

One letter was sent to RVS resident families in the southeast region of RVS who are not currently attending Prince of Peace. It focused on providing a high-level overview of the new program which will be starting in the fall of 2022 at East Lake School (K-6) and Chestermere Lake Middle School (7-9) as long as the interest is viable. Interested individuals are asked to indicate their interest in the program by Feb. 18, 2022, via PowerSchool.

INFORMATION ITEM



TO: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Another letter was sent to RVS resident families currently attending Prince of Peace. This group is very aware of the pending closure of Prince of Peace and provided a high-level overview of the new program. Individuals were then asked to register for the program by Feb. 18, 2022 if they intend to transition over to the new program.

A third letter was sent to families currently attending Prince of Peace who do NOT live within RVS' boundary. It acknowledged that space in this program for individuals who do not live in the area serviced by RVS will be very limited. We encouraged families to explore options within the community that they reside as they plan for their child's transition to a new school in the fall of 2022. While out of division applications are sometimes approved, space in these two schools and within the Chestermere Christian Program will be limited. Understandably, this may be disappointing for some families who would prefer to continue their child's learning with an RVS Christian program.

A question-and-answer document will be sent out to families with additional information this week and a Zoom Q&A session will be hosted by RVS administration and impacted school's administration on the evening of Monday February 7, 2022. The Q&A document and information about the Zoom session will be sent to families in the region and provide additional information to families prior to them making a decision by Feb. 18, 2022.

RVS administration recognizes the tremendous efforts of Prince of Peace staff in making this challenging situation a positive school year for students and families.

Recommendation:

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Chestermere Christian Program Update.



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Jan. 25, 2022

Dear Chestermere, Langdon, Indus and area parents/guardians,

Rocky View Schools (RVS) Board of Trustees (the Board) approved the necessary closure of Prince of Peace Lutheran School last May due to the facility's lease expiring in the summer of 2022. Following an extensive consultation process held last year, the Board made the difficult decision to close Prince of Peace Lutheran School and create a new Christian program serving Chestermere, Langdon, Indus and south-east Rocky View County, if sufficient interest is demonstrated. This letter is to make you aware of these programs we intend to offer in your area and ask that you register if you are interested.

The Chestermere Christian Program offers faith-based learning and is open to all resident RVS students in the region as space allows. Students in Kindergarten – Grade 6 can register for the Chestermere Christian Program at East Lake School and at Chestermere Lake Middle School for Grades 7 – 9 for the 2022/23 school year. Parents/guardians with children currently attending Prince of Peace will receive information separately regarding how to indicate their intention to move their children to the Chestermere Christian Program or to their designated school.

Registration is now open for the 2022/23 school year through SchoolEngage, which can be accessed through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#). Instructions on how to register through SchoolEngage are attached to this letter. Parents/guardians who would like their children to be a part of the new program should choose this option during the registration process. To ensure the program is viable and the program is resourced appropriately, families are asked to register by **Friday, Feb. 18, 2022**.

While program specifics are under development for East Lake and Chestermere Lake Middle schools, key components will be the inclusion of Christian Studies classes, infusion of Christian education into other subject areas, prayer, worship, daily devotion and a commitment to service to others.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please direct them to administration at East Lake School for Kindergarten – Grade 6 at 403-248-1091 and Chestermere Lake Middle School for Grades 7 – 9 at 403-273-1343.

Sincerely,

Greg Luterbach
Superintendent of Schools



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Dear Prince of Peace families who reside within the RVS service area,

Thank you for your understanding throughout the unfortunate, but necessary, process to close Prince of Peace at the end of this 2021/22 school year. Many of you participated in the consultation last year and are familiar with the options explored to either offer a Christian program in other schools in the eastern part of Rocky View Schools (RVS) or discontinue the program when the lease to the current facility expires this summer. After careful consideration of stakeholder feedback, the RVS Board of Trustees made the difficult decision to close Prince of Peace Lutheran School and create a new Christian program serving Chestermere, Langdon, Indus and south-east Rocky View County, if sufficient interest is demonstrated. This letter is to make you aware of this program as you plan your child's transition to a new school for 2022/23.

Known as the Chestermere Christian Program, this new offering will provide faith-based learning and is open to all resident RVS students in the region as space allows. Thank you to those families who have already completed the [online form](#) declaring their intention to continue with the Christian program in 2022/23 at the new location. If you have not already, please complete the online intention form. This helps us ensure the program is viable and to plan for the teachers and other staff we will need to support students in the program.

If you are planning to have your child move to the new program you will ALSO need to register. Registration is now open for the 2022/23 school year. Students in Kindergarten – Grade 6 can register for the Chestermere Christian Program at East Lake School and at Chestermere Lake Middle School for Grades 7 – 9. Instructions on how to register using SchoolEngage through the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) are attached to this letter. If you are having trouble with online registration, please call 403-945-4115. Please complete your registration by **Friday, Feb. 18, 2022**.

While program specifics are under development for East Lake and Chestermere Lake Middle schools, key components will be the inclusion of Christian Studies classes, infusion of Christian education into other subject areas, prayer, worship, daily devotion and a commitment to service to others.

If you have any questions about the program, please reach out to administration at Prince of Peace Lutheran School (403-285-2288). We thank all our families for being a part of this close school community and wish you a smooth transition into a new school next September.

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Dear Prince of Peace families who reside outside the RVS service area,

Rocky View Schools (RVS) Board of Trustees (the Board) approved the necessary closure of Prince of Peace Lutheran School last May due to the facility's lease expiring in the summer of 2022. Following an extensive consultation process held last year, the Board made the difficult decision to close Prince of Peace Lutheran School and create a new Christian program serving Chestermere, Langdon, Indus and south-east Rocky View County if sufficient interest is demonstrated. We are planning to offer the program at East Lake School for Kindergarten – Grade 6 and Chestermere Lake Middle School for Grades 7 – 9.

While program specifics are under development for East Lake and Chestermere Lake Middle schools, key components will be the inclusion of Christian Studies classes, infusion of Christian education into other subject areas, prayer, worship, daily devotion and a commitment to service to others.

As a family that currently lives outside the RVS attendance area, it is important for you to be aware that space in this program for individuals who do not live in the area serviced by RVS will be very limited. We encourage you to explore options within the community that you reside outside of RVS as you plan your child's transition to a new school for the fall of 2022. While out of division applications are sometimes approved, space in these two schools and within the Chestermere Christian Program will be limited. Understandably, this may be disappointing for some families who would prefer to continue their child's learning with an RVS Christian program.

If you have any questions about an out of area application, please direct them to administration at Prince of Peace Lutheran School at 403-285-2288. We thank all our families for being a part of this close school community and wish you a smooth transition into a new school this upcoming September.

Sincerely,

Greg Luterbach
Superintendent of Schools



COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: THE BOARD PLANNING COMMITTEE

Report Date: February 3, 2022

Committee Members Present:

All Trustees

Greg Luterbach, Superintendent

Larry Paul, Associate Superintendent Business & Ops

Tara De Weerd, Director of Communications

Stephanie Dove, Recording Secretary

Meeting Date: January 20, 2022

Key Meeting Points:

- Received reports from ASBA and School Councils committee
- Updated on progress with RVS Elementary Middle Online School naming
- Shared feedback on recent changes to Operational Plan
- Received update on operational challenges due to absenteeism and discussed criteria for shifting classes/grades/groups to temporary at home learning

Future Considerations:

- Given time constraints, several items were tabled to a future meeting

Committee Recommendation(s):

- Trustees are encouraged to participate in Trustee Orientation Session #2 hosted by Alberta School Boards Association on Jan 31st
- That Board meetings return to in person at the Education Centre beginning Feb 3