

THE BRIEF

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

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Student Showcase: Beiseker Community School Students Entertain with Food

- Students in Beiseker Community School's food program recently undertook an event planning unit under the direction of teacher Brandy Perry. The students planned and prepared different events working alongside members of the school community. They created invitations, budgets, menus and activities, and provided leadership while working with younger students in the school.
- Teachers and other students were invited to attend and enjoy the events.
- The students engaged in real-world, hands-on learning that mattered to them and demonstrated ownership of their learning – two outcomes of RVS' Four-Year Education Plan (4YP).

Update on Implementation of RVS Four-Year Plan

- Superintendent of Schools, Greg Luterbach provided trustees with an update regarding this year's progress on the Four-Year Plan (4YP) which sets the division's educational priorities, key strategies, goals, outcomes and measures designed to achieve learning results. The 4YP was approved in November 2019 and is reviewed, updated and reported on annually.
 - Thinking Classrooms, a concept that encourages student thinking, hands-on work and collaboration, is proving to increase engagement in many RVS classrooms. Teachers from 34 RVS schools are involved in this work with plans to continue to grow this practice including providing professional learning from the Thinking Classrooms creator Peter Liljedahl in the spring.
 - MyBlueprint, an online platform that provides teachers with ways of engaging students and assisting them to own and share their learning work, continues across the district. In support of this and other key ways technology is used in RVS to support learning, Technology for Learning has distributed 975 Chromebooks, 100 teacher MacBooks, and 50 projectors, and enabled 75 new Wi-Fi access points across the division.
 - Assessment continues to be an important focus with all schools implementing the new RVS Assessment Schedule. This includes ministry-mandated and division assessments. Professional learning and guidance will continue to be provided to administrators and teaching staff. In the second half of the year, the RVS Instruction and Assessment Practice Guide will be implemented and an RVS Writing Assessment should be piloted this spring.
 - Learning teams have been working closely with schools across the division to support academic and social emotional success of all students. Areas of focus include numeracy and literacy assessment and overall instructional design as well as conducting deeper reviews with schools to design effective and responsive in-school learning support for students.
 - The newly formed Indigenous Learning Branch has been instrumental in providing resources and guidance across the division to support schools in their commitment to advancing Truth and

Reconciliation in their classrooms. Elder Saa'kokoto continues to provide invaluable guidance in the division.

- Positive Behaviour and Interventions Supports (PBIS) is on track to be implemented in all RVS schools by the end of this school year. PBIS coaches have been working with school and divisional teams to offer guidance on developing, implementing and assessing behavioural support plans, with the goal of establishing an aligned approach to addressing behaviour, social emotional learning and mental health across RVS.
- RVS continues to support administrators and teachers in implementing new curriculum as it is phased into various grades and subjects. In addition to the mandated implementation, RVS teachers from 18 schools are piloting the new Science curriculum at the Grade 6 level or Grade 4-6 English Language Arts and Literature or Kindergarten-Grade 6 French Language Arts and Literature.

Board Tweaks Policy 8 – Board Committees & Representatives

- The Board approved changes to Board Policy 8 – Board Committees and Representatives, including an expectation that committees are to typically meet within 60 days of the Organizational Meeting and elect a committee chair. The revised Board Policy also formalized the current process for an annual review of the terms of reference for all Board committees.