



**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD RVS EDUCATION CENTRE
2651 CHINOOK WINDS DR. SW
AIRDRIE, ALBERTA**

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Chair, Ward 4 Norma Lang
Vice-chair, Ward 2 Shelley Kinley
Ward 1 Shali Baziuk
Ward 3 Fred Burley
Ward 3 Melyssa Bowen
Ward 3 Todd Brand
Ward 6 Fiona Gilbert

TRUSTEES ABSENT:

Ward 5 Judi Hunter

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools Greg Luterbach
Associate Superintendent of Business and Operations Larry Paul
Director of Communications Tara de Weerd
Communications Officer Christina Waldner

RECORDER:

Executive Assistant Jennie Thompson

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Norma Lang called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA

#1141-2023 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the March 2, 2023, Regular Board meeting agenda as presented.

CARRIED

IN CAMERA

#1142-2023 MOTION BY FRED BURLEY:

The Board of Trustees moves into an in-camera meeting at 9:31 a.m.

CARRIED

Laurie Copeland joined the meeting at 9:31 a.m.

Laurie Copeland left the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

OUT OF IN CAMERA

#1143-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

The Board of Trustees moves out of an in-camera meeting at 10:12 a.m.

CARRIED

Chair Norma Lang recessed the meeting at 10:12 a.m.
Chair Norma Lang reconvened the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

Trustee Fiona Gilbert read the RVS Land Acknowledgement Statement.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

#1144-2023 MOTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT:

The Board of Trustees approves the minutes of the February 9, 2023, Regular Board meeting as circulated.

CARRIED

EXEMPLARY PRACTICE: TIER 2 SUPPORT AT EAST LAKE SCHOOL

Teachers: Angela Bain, Jenny Dempster, Kim Larson

Project Description

During the past two years, the learning support team at East Lake School in Chestermere has developed a framework to better identify students in need of support and deliver it through a collaborative team model. After noticing a gap in how student needs were identified, this team drew on the academic work of Jennifer Katz, Faye Brownlie and Kurtis Hewson as well as with RVS’ Inclusion Practice Guide to develop a learning support delivery model that ensures students’ needs are identified early in their education and teachers are empowered to get students the help they need.

This model provides teachers at East Lake School equitable access to identify the needs of students early in their education. The model relies heavily on coaching teachers through a Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) lens, so teachers in turn best support students based on their individual needs. Now, students that in the past may have slipped through the cracks are receiving the assistance they need, and teacher pedagogy is increasing because educators feel they can make a difference for their students. This presentation will outline the development of this service delivery framework, explain how it works and discuss future goals.

This work has been shared through the RVS divisional learning support team meetings, and East Lake School looks forward to showing other schools and divisional leaders how this delivery model works.

Chair Norma Lang recessed the meeting at 10:52 a.m.
Chair Norma Lang reconvened the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATES 2023-2024

#1145-2023 MOTION BY TRUSTEE SHALI BAZIUK:

The Board of Trustees approves the 2023/24 Regular Board meeting schedule as outlined.

CARRIED

#1146-2023 MOTION TO AMEND BY TRUSTEE FIONA GILBERT:

Move the February 8 meeting date to February 15.

CARRIED

VOTING ON MOTION #1145-2023 SHALI BAZIUK:

The Board of Trustees approves the 2023/24 Regular Board meeting schedule as amended.

CARRIED

RVS EDWIN PARR AWARD NOMINATION

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Zone 5 Edwin Parr Award Nomination as presented.

CHAIR REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Norma Lang shared a reminder of the Cochrane accommodation planning event Thursday March 2 at Mitford in Cochrane.

Chair Norma Lang also expressed frustration and disappointment over the provincial government’s Capital Budget 2023 announcement made March 1 and shared the following points:

- Despite our unwavering efforts to sound the alarm on this crisis, the provincial government did not recognize RVS student needs.
- Airdrie, Cochrane and Chestermere desperately needed provincial government approval for new schools now. By 2026 RVS will have more students than spaces. With the four years it takes to build a school, we are already years behind. Not getting any new school approved for full construction is a space crisis for RVS.
- It takes about three years to build a new school after a division receives construction funding approval. While receiving some design, planning and pre-planning funding offers some hope for new schools in the future – it pushes that space relief out for Airdrie high school students, Cochrane and Chestermere elementary students to five to six years or more
- We have gone to great lengths to maximize our existing space, but we are running out of options and need new schools and additional modulars in the interim.
- RVS has requested a staggering 32 new modular units just to keep up with enrolment growth in Airdrie, Chestermere and Cochrane. We must receive 30+ modulars this year and each of the subsequent years until new schools are approved and built. Last year the government did not approve any new modular units for RVS.
- RVS will immediately start working on capital planning strategy for next year and what the impacts of GOA announcement will be on how we move forward with our advocacy and our capital planning.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT FROM VICE-CHAIR SHELLEY KINLEY:

The Board of Trustees acknowledges receipt of the Planning Committee Report as presented.

TRUSTEE REPORTS (submitted in writing)

Shali Baziuk, Ward One Trustee:

Verbal Update: Attended government's budget presentation in-person in Edmonton; will be attending the Rural Education Symposium this weekend

Shelley Kinley, Ward Two Trustee:

Feb 9 Attend Regular Board and Planning Meeting
Feb 14 Participate in ASBA Committee Meeting
Feb 15 Participate as a judge at the Indus School Science Fair
Feb 16 Attend Agenda Planning Committee Meeting
Feb 22 Attend Mental Health Coalition Meeting – zoom
Feb 22 Participate and complete HPAT survey
Feb 23 Participate on the Edwin Parr Nominee Selection Committee
Feb 23 Attend and participate in ASBA Committee discussion
Feb 26 Attend Langdon Community Collaborative Meeting
Feb 27 Attend and present at Sarah Thompson Parent Council Meeting

Norma Lang, Ward Four Trustee:

Verbal Update: Crossfield and District Chamber of Commerce voted in favour of creating an entrepreneur scholarship at WG Murdoch school at their February meeting

Feb 9 Chaired a meeting of the RVS Board of Trustees and attended the Board Planning meeting
Feb 14 Attended a Labour Relations Committee Meeting
Feb 16 Participated in a Board agenda planning meeting
Feb 22 Attended a Crossfield and District Chamber of Commerce meeting
Feb 22 Participated in a TEBA 61 meeting
Feb 28 Attended the WGM monthly school council meeting
Feb 28 Attended the BCS monthly school council meeting
Mar 1 Participated in the CES and DTO school council meetings online

Fiona Gilbert, Ward Six Trustee:

Feb 9 Participated in Board & Planning Committee meetings
Feb 9 Attended Town of Cochrane & Chamber of Commerce "State of Cochrane" event
Feb 14 Chaired ASBA Committee meeting
Feb 14 Chaired Labour Relations Committee meeting
Feb 14 Attended RancheView School Council meeting
Feb 15 ASBA Governance Course – Systems Thinking
Feb 15 Attended Elizabeth Barrett Council meeting
Feb 16 Attended CCA Council meeting
Feb 22 Participated in TEBA Engagement session
Feb 23 Participated on Edwin Parr Teacher Award Selection Committee
Feb 23 Chaired ASBA Committee meeting
Feb 28 Attended Calgary Catholic Cochrane Community Engagement
Mar 1 Attended Fireside School Council meeting

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Norma Lang adjourned the Regular Board Meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Chair

Secretary-Treasurer