

THE BRIEF

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

Oct. 2, 2025

Integrating Indigenous Perspectives into Learning and Teaching

Langdon School is demonstrating how schools can meaningfully embed Indigenous Ways of Knowing into daily learning and teaching practices. By advancing this work, the school is strengthening connections to community, deepening students' understanding of diverse worldviews and ensuring Indigenous perspectives are integrated as part of everyday learning rather than as isolated or performative practices. Principal, Shannon Storey and Child Development Advisor, Nikki Smart presented information about their efforts and successes to the Board of Trustees of Rocky View Schools (RVS), and student presenters spoke about their experience. A drumming circle capped off an engaging presentation.

This work aligns with Goal 3 of RVS' Education Plan: Creating inclusive, engaging, and healthy learning opportunities for all students.

Student Enrolment Continues to Increase

School divisions are required to submit enrolment numbers to the provincial government by the end of September each year. For the current school year, the total number of students enrolled in RVS as of Sept. 30 is 29,531, up 1 per cent from the 2024/25 school year. This is less than projections but is still significant as RVS' ongoing enrolment growth continues to be a challenge with system wide school utilization at more than 90 per cent. The Board remains committed to advocating for a steady stream of new school and modular classroom approvals, as well as for expediting the construction of new schools approved for construction.

Request for Modular Classrooms Highlights Capacity Pressures and Site Limitations

Each year, RVS submits a request for new modular classrooms and relocations to Alberta Education through the Annual Modular Classroom Program. RVS has received 35 additional classroom units, 12 classroom unit relocations and two washroom unit relocations over the past two years. Modulares are one mechanism to mitigate the impact of growing enrolment until new schools can be open for learning and are requested for the schools with the highest utilization; however, the number of schools with available space to accommodate additional modular units has almost been exhausted, limiting the options for this year's request. A request for 18 new classroom units and one new washroom unit will be submitted to the government by Nov. 1.

Targeted Supports Leads to Literacy and Numeracy Gains for Students

In December 2022, in alignment with Board Policy 9, the Board approved a multi-year strategic plan for the division which includes goals, objectives and measures. One of the goals, improving our students' learning, aligns with RVS' Education Plan, Goal 1: Advancing students' literacy and numeracy skills. Government assessment results indicated RVS students were not demonstrating literacy and numeracy skills at a level RVS would expect and, as a result, supports were put in place for 10 schools with students requiring assistance for the 2024/25 school year. Results from June 2025 indicate a significant increase in literacy and numeracy skills for students at risk in these schools. Similar supports are being implemented in more schools for 2025/26 with the expectation equally positive results will be seen by June 2026.

RVS Breaks Ground on New Much-needed School in South Windsong, Airdrie

On Oct. 1, the Board, joined by Minister Nicolaides and other dignitaries, staff and partners, participated in the official groundbreaking for the new K–9 school in South Windsong anticipated to open in the fall of 2027 with 905 new learning spaces. Every student deserves the space they need to learn, grow and succeed, and this important milestone marks a tangible step toward making that possible. The Board will continue to advocate for new schools and additional funding to keep pace with growth because as RVS grows, so does the need for learning spaces and resources that support every student's journey.

World Teachers Day

Oct. 5 is World Teachers' Day, a global celebration recognizing the vital impact teachers have on students and society. This initiative highlights the many ways teachers contribute to the growth and development of students, both inside and outside the classroom. This year's theme, "*Making Lives Better*," perfectly reflects the work our teachers do every day. The Board extends a heartfelt thank you to all our teachers and teaching staff. Your dedication and hard work ensure RVS students learn in safe, inclusive and supportive environments every day.

Current Board Reflects on End of Term

As the 2021 – 2025 term concludes, this Board can reflect with pride on all that has been accomplished together: strong advocacy for students, families and public education; strengthened governance; created deeper community relationships; and support for growth across our schools. Throughout, the focus remained on delivering the best education and learning opportunities, always keeping students at the centre of every decision. These efforts have advanced the division's vision of being a world-class learning organization where every student can achieve their absolute best, leaving a lasting positive impact for the next Board to build upon.

Heartfelt thanks to trustees not seeking re-election – Trustees Brand, Hunter and Kinley – best wishes in your next chapter. And best wishes to those returning or seeking re-election.

Trustees Honoured for Service, Commitment and Advocacy

Superintendent Ryan Reed presented trustees with a token of appreciation in recognition of their service on the Board. This gesture acknowledges the dedication to public education demonstrated by all trustees throughout the 2021 – 2025 term. The efforts of this Board on behalf of students, teachers, employees and the community have strengthened Rocky View Schools.