

## Trustee Report

### Parent Council Meeting

January 2024

- 1) Happy New Year and welcome back to the second half of the 2023/2024 School year. I look forward to working with your Council for the rest of the year.
- 2) The school decision was made at the December 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting – the new school will welcome Grades 9-11 in 2024/2025 and then Grades 9-12 in 2025. Sarah Thompson will remain K – 5. Langdon and Indus Schools will become K – 8 Schools. The decision was made after careful consideration from what the Board and Administration heard during extensive public engagement with community members, both in person and online. The Board thanks residents of Langdon and area for participating in the public engagement and looks forward to celebrating the opening of the new school with the community next school year.
- 3) Current Grade 10 students of CHS who live in the new school's attendance boundary would need to apply as an out of area student to attend CHS for the 2024/2025 school year and RVS transportation would not be guaranteed.
- 4) The Board has directed the Superintendent to investigate opportunities to bus Chestermere students to and from Langdon area schools starting in September of 2024 and report findings to the Board Planning Committee by the end of March 2024.
- 5) The AD HOC naming committee is hard at work choosing a new name for the School. The committee is comprised of community members, local staff, a student, and the Trustee. Two names will be put forward by the committee to the Board and one will be chosen at the beginning of February.
- 6) Exemplary Practice – Cochrane Christian Academy students are being encouraged to discover a love of reading through a program called CCA Reads. More than 75% of the students are participating. Students track how often they read outside school hours. For every 25 hours they read, they win a prize. A coveted prize is the ability to have Pizza with the Principal once students accumulate 150 nights. This program aligns with Goal # 1 of our Education Plan.
- 7) Supplemental Growth Funding supports but does not solve Instructional Funding Shortage. Based on enrollment numbers. And the weighted moving average, there are approximately 720 students not included in the divisions base instructional grant. After applying the government's formula, the supplemental enrolment grant will generate an additional 1.2 million. However, even with this grant we receive 3.3 Million, less than if every student was funded. Infographic available on the Rocky View Schools website.

- 8) RVS has invited Danielle Smith to visit Chestermere High School to see students in Cosmetology and Culinary Arts career connection programs. The Premier indicated a willingness and desire to visit schools across the province. Future Ready students is one of our Goals.
- 9) Education Plan - Goal # 2 – Building Future Ready Students -Please check Page 7 of our 2023 -2027 Education Plan for the Performance Measures we are using to prepare students for the future. (Share Performance Measures) Check [www.rockyview.ab.ca](http://www.rockyview.ab.ca) under Making Learning Visible for more information. Both the Education Plan and the AERR are available.
- 10) A response letter was sent to the community delegation which presented its concerns regarding human sexuality education in RVS schools. We thanked them for their perspective and shared that we reviewed the details and information received from Senior Administration regarding their presentation. Following the review and consideration of the information presented, the Board believes that current RVS policies, procedures and processes related to teaching sexual health education meet a high standard of care and diligence in providing a welcoming, caring and respectful and safe learning environment that respects diversity and fosters a sense of belonging. The Board is confident that it is meeting its mandate to provide human sexuality education in an open and transparent way and is engaging with and including parents as their children's primary educators
- 11) Policy 20 – Inclement Weather Reminder - Information can be found on the RVS website under About RVS – Policies & Procedures. Reminder that Parents always have the choice of determining whether to send their children to school on days when weather conditions are a factor. Student Age, distance, bussing are often factors for parents when making this decision.
- 12) New Where's the Bus App – improved technology is being used for students riding the bus. Students are asked to use their RFID card to get on and off of the bus. Usage has been much improved, and data is helping keep parents informed as to where exactly the bus is and when it will be arriving or dropping off students.

Questions?

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