

September 2023

## Parent Council Report

1) Welcome back to the 2023/2024 School year. Preliminary numbers are in, and we are growing on average 3.8% which is approximately another 1052 students. Total enrollment as of Sept 6<sup>th</sup> is 28,664 students. As the provincial government uses a WMA model, almost 800 RVS students will not be funded by the Alberta Government this fall.

2) The Langdon Junior/High School accommodation dates will be made available before the end of September. I want to encourage everyone to attend our in-person consultation, then participate on RVS Engage when it comes available. RVS has come back with more accommodation choices based on responses from participants in the first section of the engagement. These accommodations affect the grade levels of the other schools in our catchment area as well as inform which grade levels might be in the new Junior/Senior High School.

3) Transportation – even though the government has made changes to bus eligibility, the changes will not be in effect until the 2024/2025 school year. RVS and the rest of the province will need to address driver shortages, new route challenges and prepare for student growth. Presently there are limited buses and limited drivers. With the new service levels, RVS will need approximately 30-40 buses. Has everyone downloaded the new Bus app?

4) The Board of Trustees had an exemplary practice presentation by the Rocky View Schools Leadership Academy at our first Board Meeting. Students have been busy rebooting the program which was affected by Covid. Students shared impact statements as to how they have grown from the program. It was a fantastic presentation. I would encourage you to have your high school students investigate this accredited program. (Students can earn up to 15 credits in this program)

5) RVS takes great pride in their facilities. Many projects were completed over the summer including in our area: half of the roof at Indus School, new BMS at Langdon School, completion of the washrooms at CHS along with the addition of another classroom at Chestermere High in the South Social area.

6) The Board approved their self-evaluation completed in June. More information will be coming forward in the Accountability Report once approved by the Board of Trustees.

7) The Board will be submitting their 2022-2026 Strategic Plan Engagement process to the ASBA for an award as an example of community engagement. Thank you to all who participated.

8) The Organizational Meeting is set for September 21 – Chair and Vice Chair will be elected, and Committee appointments selected.

9) Save the Date! School Councils Orientation will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 – 8:00 pm on zoom. Please register for the evening to receive the zoom link. Open to all and any members of your Parent Council.

<https://rockyview.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwkceqqrT8rHdOCrhaSNICDKm4UGmMniUZA>

Our Joint Board School Meeting will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> at the RVS Head Office 5:30-7:30 pm.

10) School emails. If you would like your school to have a generic Rocky View Schools email address, please download the form off the School Councils section on the RVS website. A note has just been forwarded to Principals to share with all schools.

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Questions: