

School Council Report

March 13th, 2024

Langdon School

- 1) RVS' newest school has been named Horseshoe Crossing High School. A naming committee was formed in December of 2023 comprised of three parents, a student, me and two administrators. We provided two names to the Board. The name symbolizes Langdon's community and history while paying homage to Langdon's emblem, an upside-down horseshoe, representing both good fortune and generosity of spirit, like the town itself. The Crossing symbolizes the historic paths of the Blackfoot people, who camped in and around the Langdon areas on their travels as well as the journey students take toward their future.
- 2) The Board is responsible for approving the budget development process and budget priorities. The Board has approved the following as the 24/25 budget priorities:
 - Provide direct resources to schools to support student learning with a focus on numeracy and literacy
 - Support student and staff wellness
 - Enhance facilities and technology infrastructure; and
 - Target an operating reserve balance at the end of the 24/25 fiscal year – excluding Transportation at 0.5 to 1%

The budget must be submitted to the Government of Alberta by May 31, 2024.

- 3) RVS Staff will benefit from the Benefits transition to ASEBP – RVS has been self-insured prior to this transition. This move will result in a \$500,000.00 savings that can be reinvested in the division. It will take approximately 18 months to transition from self insured to contracting with Albert School Boards Employment Benefits Program.
- 4) The Board provides funding support for School Council members to attend the ASCA conference and AGM. We value the work of School Councils and pay for membership for all our schools to belong to the Alberta Schools Councils Association. Each year ASCA hosts a conference – this is their 95th year and the date is April 26th – 28th in Edmonton. Funding applications were accepted until March 8th, 2024 up to \$1000/pp or \$2000.00/Council.
- 5) Balancing Airdrie Student Spaces engagements have been held over the last two weeks. We have heard great feedback from parents. Thank you to staff who volunteered their time to assist in these RVS community events.
- 6) Check out the new RVS website. Changes have been made and we value your feedback as we try to make it as user friendly and informative as possible.
- 7) The Joint School Board Meeting for March 14th has been cancelled due to low attendance numbers.

- 8) As part of our ongoing commitment to good governance, three more committees have been revised – Labour Relations Committee, Budget committee and the Board Planning committee. The changes made to the Board Planning committee reflect the findings from development sessions we participated in as part of our review.
- 9) Rocky View has Announced WH Croxford teacher Eeshnah Qureshi as our Edwin Parr Nominee for her excellent drive and commitment to students. She will be celebrated on May 24th along with the other Zone 5 award recipients in Langdon on May 24th, 2024.
- 10) Within RVS' Strategic Plan 2023-2026 there are specific measures to track the division's success in providing an inclusive learning environment. Data is tracked and reported on to identify trends and to develop effective strategies for implementation in our schools. It is a core belief at the heart of what teachers, administrators, and the Board of RVS do each day is the right for all students to have a sense of belonging and acceptance. The learning department is continually building expertise and developing leadership skills in RVS staff through a variety of programs and learning sessions. PBIS is one of the active implementations of the program. Stepping /stones to Mental Health is a joint program of AHS and RVS which provides success coaches, addictions counsellors, a culture coach and other mental health professionals. We also have Synergy in our area. Some programming will be impacted by the end of the Mental Health in Schools pilot project grant ending in June.
- 11) RVS has been awarded funding for construction of three new schools: Two – K – 8 in Airdrie and One – K-8 in Cochrane along with design funding for a high school in Airdrie and a K – 9 school in Chestermere (Dawson). We will continue to advocate for more schools and to provide additional student spaces.
- 12) Board Meeting dates have been set for the 2024/2025 school year. It will be posted shortly.
- 13) The Budget has been released but more information will be forthcoming over the next few weeks as we try to determine the impact on our budget. The government will provide funding manuals for us for transportation, specialized learning, operations and maintenance, and per student funding/supplemental funding.

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