

SEPTEMBER COUNCIL REPORT

- 1) WELCOME Back to the 2024/2025 School year. This is Year Two of our four-year Strategic Plan. Progress has been made on each of our goals: Improving our Students Learning, Strengthening our Workforce, Bolstering our Infrastructure and Connecting with our Community.
- 2) New Guidelines for Use of Mobile devices and Social Media – the G of A consulted with parents, teachers and the public regarding their beliefs on the use of personal mobile devices and social media in schools. Over the summer, RVS was required to develop and implement policies for the elimination of the use of social media in schools as well as standards regarding use of personal mobile devices - cell phones, tablets and smart watches. The goal is the preservation of instructional time in the classroom by encouraging students to focus on learning. For more information, please look at Administrative Procedure 148 and Admin Form 148A to meet the G of A standards. The policy was communicated to staff, parents/guardians and students via parent letters, direct emails and ‘social media’. There are posters at the school and newsletter items that will be coming out to enhance an understanding of the new AP.
- 3) RVS is growing. Numbers are not submitted until Sept 30th to the G of A, but so far we have grown by approximately 700 students already this year. As of Sept 4th, RVS is 29, 307 students. We have predicted growth of 750 this year.
- 4) Our Board Organizational meeting s Sept 19th, 2024.
- 5) Our area has grown with Langdon School already up about 35 students. Horseshoe Crossing High School opened with about 330 students. The school’s first week went very well. With a lot of work over the summer, the school was ready to open with many things being completed the week before students entered the building.
- 6) Horseshoe Crossing High School will also be hosting an Establishment Meeting: School Council on September 23rd at 6:30 at the school as per AP110: School Councils. Information is listed on the school website and has been sent out to parents via the newsletter. There is no Parent Council yet, so this is the first meeting to help establish a Parent Council and provide information to the HCHS community.
- 7) Horseshoe Crossing High School Community Open House along with Meet the Teacher Evening will be held on September 19th from 5-8 pm. If you would like to see the new school, please attend. All are welcome to attend. The Official Grand Opening will occur in the Spring.
- 8) September 23rd RVS will host the School Council Chair Orientation and Bylaw Session at 6:30 – 7:30 via zoom. Here is the link to register:
<https://rockyview.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJloceCqrT0vGtW4fepMm6GBPGQ7yynPC1Qp>
Any member of the School Council is welcome to attend. Bring a copy of your Bylaws if you have any questions you would like answered.
- 9) Save the Date for our Joint Board School Council Meeting which will be held in person at the Education Centre on October 24th @ 5:30 pm. Council members are invited to attend – supper, updates and a session will be provided along with an opportunity to share with other School Council members.
- 10) The Board will continue with their discussion of the Ward Boundary Changes. The number of Trustees and the areas which they represent will be a large part of the discussion. This

discussion is based on constituent numbers. A vote will occur in October to determine the way forward.

- 11) The Board will also be meeting to discuss the locations for the Modulars provided by the Alberta Government, and the moving of modulars. Funding has been provided to move 12 modulars – 8 from Langdon and four from Indus. Funding has also been provided for 12 new modulars along with moving 5 modulars provided to RVS which were surplus (Drayton Valley).