

November School Council Report 2024

- 1) The RVS Board addresses urgent student space needs in Cochrane – a review of Cochrane School utilization was conducted by an RVS staff working group. The Board considered their recommendations and recently approved additional modular classrooms to maintain current boundaries and grade configurations for schools in Cochrane. Rather than make smaller student accommodation changes now and again in a few years, RVS will manage with temporary modular classrooms. In early 2027, a student accommodation review will be required to determine the areas that will attend the new school in the Rivercrest community. The Board will also redesignate the new Southbow Landing community to schools in spring or fall of 2025. This will be shared with the community through a variety of methods.**
- 2) The Indigenous Learning branch created a self- reflection tool for School Staff. It is designed to assist school-based staff and administrators with supporting learning environments that celebrate diversity and are inclusive. Staff can use the tool now and again at the end of the year to gauge if staff goals were met. Contact the Indigenous Learning Branch for more information.**
- 3) At our Oct 31st meeting, the Board approved sending a request to Alberta Education for 27 modular classrooms and one washroom unit (Indus) to relieve some of the overcrowding in Airdrie, Cochrane, Chestermere and Crossfield schools. Modulares are considered a temporary solution for schools operating over capacity. A decision from Alberta Education is expected in early 2025.**
- 4) The Ward Boundary Bylaw changes were passed at the October 17th Board Meeting and will take effect for the October 2025 election. RVS will continue to have eight trustees, but the configuration will be two Cochrane trustees now and an amalgamation of Wards 2 and 4 (Rural areas from Indus to**

Crossfield) with one trustee. Election Day will be October 20th, 2025

- 5) The Board has created a committee to facilitate the search for a new Superintendent. Greg Luterbach will retire at the end of August 2025. The Board approved the Terms of Reference to create an ad hoc Superintendent Search Committee to support the recruitment process.**
- 6) The Horseshoe Crossing Turf Field project is mostly done for this year. The field will be completed in the Spring.**
- 7) The Chestermere Student Accommodation is still open for those who would like to comment on RVS Engage. Students from our area who attend Christian School or French Immersion are welcome to go in to comment on the grade level configurations and redesignations for some communities to Rainbow Creek School and Prairie Waters School. The In-person meeting had approximately 100 participants along with numerous staff and administration members who volunteered their time.**
- 8) Modularity for moving were approved by Alberta Education over the summer. The modularity are to be in place for September of 2025. Indus modularity are being moved to Springbank and Cochrane Christian Academy. Langdon modularity will be moved to Chestermere High School(2), Heloise Lorimer(4) and AE Bowers(2). Funding for moving modularity and to purchase 12 more modularity was provided over the summer.**
- 9) Additional funding from the provincial government was also approved over the summer. The Board has approved a spending plan which includes school transition for new students with complex needs, enhancements to our IT infrastructure and resources and technology for schools to support the BASS student accommodations. Remaining funds will be included in instruction contingency as part of the fall update.**
- 10) Kudos to Horseshoe Crossing, Chestermere High, Langdon, Indus and Sarah Thompson Schools for their amazing Remembrance Day ceremonies. I was able to attend Sarah Thompson's this year. The whole school participated by either singing or reciting poems. The students were incredibly respectful and thoughtful.**

11) As a Board we will be participating at the ASBA Fall General Meeting November 17th – 19th, 2024 in Edmonton.

**Questions: If you have any questions please email:
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