

## December School Council Report 2024

- 1) At our last Board meeting, we were able to celebrate students who achieved 100% on their diploma exam. Seven students were celebrated for Biology, Math, Physics and Chemistry. Some of these students have received 100% on multiple exams. Kudos!
- 2) The Board approved the Terms of Reference to create an ad hoc Superintendent Search Committee to support the recruitment process and work has begun. We started with a staff survey report. We hope to have our Ad placement out by January.
- 3) The Board will be reviewing feedback from the Chestermere Student Accommodation over the next month. The RVS Engage closed at the end of November. Thank you to all who participated.
- 4) 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.
- 5) As a Board, we participated at the ASBA Fall General Meeting November 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 in Edmonton. We were able to advance educational issues and share information and issues about our school division with MLA's, the education minister and the Premier.
- 6) Please look online and check the highlights of our Annual Education Results. There has been growth in both literacy and numeracy skills numbers, the percentage of students on par with provincial achievement has been improved or maintained, especially in Math 30-1 results (now at 73%), and the high school completion rate continues to exceed the provincial average.
- 7) Each year School Divisions are required to submit audited financial statements to the Minister of Education by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Again, this year, RVS was given a clean report for 2023/2024. Final revenues were 314.7 and expenses were 314.2 million resulting in a small surplus. We ended the year with 7.7 million in total operating reserves (2.4% of the operating budget). Most of these reserve dollars are in Transportation. The government has mandated a range of 1 – 3.2% reserve balance for this school year.
- 8) Planning is underway for the 2025 Trustee Election. We have appointed a returning officer. We also approved formalizing the joint school election agreement with local municipal governments for the next election – October 20, 2025.
- 9) Representatives from the Chestermere and Area Community Coalition, Synergy Youth and Community Development Society presented to the Board about the work they are doing in Chestermere, Langdon and Southeast Calgary. To view their survey: <https://www.yoursynergy.ca/youthsafercommunitiesproject>
- 10) The Board will also be looking for feedback from School Councils. A short questionnaire will be forwarded to the Parent Council for feedback. Look for it over the next few weeks. We will use to inform best practices for our School Council events.
- 11) A Long Service and Retirees awards ceremony was held in November. Staff were recognized for 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service along with retirees.

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