

February 2025 Trustee Report

February 11th, 2025

1) RVS' Mechanics Training program celebrated its 25th anniversary this year. This unique program, located at Cam Clark Ford in Airdrie (and open to students throughout RVS), allows high school students mechanics trade training through hands on instruction. Students learn the theoretical side of the business and emerge equipped to pursue a career in the trade, if they so desire. Staff and former students (now journeyman in the trade) presented to the Board about the history of the program and their experience. RVS values partners such as Cam Clark Ford which assists us in bringing our Building Future Ready Students Goal to life.

2) Chestermere Grade configuration and accommodation has now been decided. With a 262% rise in population over the last two decades, Chestermere is experiencing significant enrolment growth. Today, the Board approved changes to East Lake School's grade configuration by making the school K-9 which adds a second middle school to the area. The Christian and French Immersion programs for K-6 will remain at East Lake School and the Christian and French Immersion programs for Grades 7-9 will continue on at CLMS. Several communities have also been redesignated to different schools resulting in more students learning closer to home. The changes go into effect for September of 2025. Families impacted by the changes will be notified and supported through the transition. Thank you to all who participated by providing feedback.

3) BASS Accommodation – Today school designations for students residing in the Prairie Springs neighborhood were addressed due to higher than had been projected utilization at Muriel Clayton School. Beginning in the 2025/2026 School year, students residing in Prairie Springs will attend K-9 at Windsong Heights School and Grades 10-12 at WH Croxford High School. This is a change to their original designation. Please check the website for all changes that are scheduled to be implemented in September due to the Airdrie Accommodation.

4) Education Plan Update – RVS' Education Plan includes nurturing skills in numeracy, literacy, global citizenship, collaboration, and problem-solving, and inclusivity and healthy and safe environments to equip students for academic success.

- Provincial government mandatory literacy and numeracy screening and assessment results were shared

- Based on the results, RVS is targeting government provided Learning Disruption Funding to provide additional support to 10 schools while other schools may reach out for additional support and each request will be considered

- RVS administered a new numeracy assessment aligned with the curriculum for Grade 4 – 10 students

- The OURSCHOOL survey was implemented for the first time in the Spring of 2024 for Grades 4-12 students. The survey asked students how they feel about their school, their learning and skills, themselves and their future aspirations. More than 15000 students participated. Schools are at the early stages of understanding the data and planning for implementation in the spring of 2025. We also intend to expand the survey to parents.

- A Career Learning Practice Guide has been developed which provides guidance to all schools for advancing career learning and planning for Grade 1-12 students

- RVS is expanding and deepening PBIS implementation across all schools and on school buses

5) An ad hoc committee has been created by the Board to guide development and delivery of the orientation process for new trustees following the election in October. Trustee Burley, Hunter and Kinley were appointed to this committee.

6) Updated Information on Power School breach will be sent to you shortly. It will contain information for what was and was not a part of the breach. As well, the way to enroll in credit monitoring and identity protection through Global ID Works – the deadline to enroll is May 30th.

7) Please watch your inbox for Assessment information from RVS. As our ongoing commitment to prioritize literacy and numeracy, we will be providing a 4-part web campaign with information regarding RVS assessment. This will occur in March and be a part of your school newsletters. Rocky View teachers use many techniques to teach students to read, write, speak, listen and use technology to communicate and make sense of the world – in other words LITERACY.

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