

September Parent Council Report

1) Student Enrolment nearly at 29,500 which is a one percent increase since September 2024. Final enrollment numbers must be submitted to the provincial government September 30th. An enrolment of 29,730 was projected. Overall, there were more students in Grade 1 than expected and less in Grade 9 and 12 than anticipated?

2) Welcome to our new Superintendent Ryan Reed. He has been our new Superintendent of Schools since August 18th. Please look on the website for an introductory video.

3) We are in the third year of our Strategic Plan. Our third-year plan demonstrates that early literacy outcomes have improved significantly even as teachers adapted to new curriculum expectations, and Mental Health programming exceeded targets supported by extended government funding. Numeracy will continue to be a focus as well as more growth is needed. Leadership Development advanced with more roles being filled internally. Staff participation in professional learning also increased significantly, underscoring a system wide commitment to building capacity despite challenges with teacher\substitute shortages.

4) Renovations and modernizations have enhanced existing facilities. In our area painting, Chestermere Lift station and modulares moved to Chestermere area schools and Chestermere High Schools. Not all the modulares have been completed to be open for the new school year.

Community partnerships expanded through the Career Learning Practice Guide providing enriched career focused opportunities.

The launch of the new school websites and strong engagement from thousands of stakeholders reinforced the importance of community voice in shaping the future of RVS.

The new Board, elected October 20th, will begin the work to develop a new our new Strategic Plan and will again seek community input.

4) Facility Maintenance Projects bolster infrastructure as completed by RVS' Operations department over the summer months. Projects such as washroom upgrades (Beiseker), flooring and roof replacements, HVAC upgrades and replacements, Chestermere High School Lift station, the installation of A/C units in modulares and the completion of the artificial turf field at Horseshoe Crossing High School. Not all projects have been completed due to permitting issues, waiting for parts and contractor availability. The Operations department is working diligently to assist schools to get students' classrooms completed as soon as possible.

5) School Councils Chair Orientation Session was held September 22nd, 2025 @ 6:30 online. There were 27 participants, and we shared information about School Councils, fundraising by school councils and Bylaws. Also, Save the date November 6th, 2025 – the Joint School Board Council Meeting will be held at the Education Center for Chairs and Vice Chairs of your School Council.

6) Exemplary Practice – Grade 2's Hooked on Learning through Trout Program. Cooper's Crossing students participated in the Fish in Schools (FinS) program.

7) The last Board Policies to be revised have now been approved. Board Policy 27 – Trustee Compensation and Development were approved at our Sept 4th Board Meeting. Changes to the policy include wording clarifications, additional travel honoraria for trustees in large rural wards, as well as a transitional allowance for years of service as Trustees. Policy 4 – Trustee Code of Conduct was updated in order to align with the new provincial regulation preventing a school board from removing a trustee. And Policy 13: Appeals and Hearings regarding Student Matters to bring clarity to the appeal process for RVS employees and families.

8) The Provinces Bill 27: Education Amendment Act, 2024 came into effect in December 2024. It includes new regulations for all school divisions in the province – new requirements in Sport, notification for health procedures and new parent opt in requirements for education with sexual content. A Ministerial order introduced guidelines for access to school literary materials. We have just updated our AP's and communicated the details to school-based teachers and employees. Most of these are in the 300's section of the Policies and Administrative Procedures on our RVS website.

9) Our Ward is about to change. We will still be Ward Two, but the boundary will be from Crossfield, all parts in between that are not Airdrie and Chestermere across to Beiskeker, Kathryn, Langdon and Indus. Nine Schools (4 are High Schools) and 3 Hutterite Colonies. The population of this area is approximately 26,000. We have two candidates running in our area – Norma Lang and Sara Roth. Other than Ward 1, there is an election race in each of the Wards. Information on polling station locations are on the RVS website – both for an Early vote or on October 20th, 2025. An online information session for potential candidates was held Sept 11 and a second one will be held in person on Sept 25 at the education center. Remember to vote on October 20th, 2025.

10) The Board has made a difficult decision to discontinue funding the RVS' Pre-Kindergarten program beginning in the 2026/2027 school year due in part to a significant gap between government funding and the actual cost of delivering the program. We remain committed to advocating for full and sustainable government funding for programs like Pre-

K. The program is intended to provide additional supports for pre school aged children who have complexities.

11)RVS will submit a request to the province for Ministerial approval on a land exchange with the Town of Cochrane at 129 Powell Street (CCA) and address a public road right of way for the Town.

12)Labour Action – on the RVS website, please find an area called Labour Action that you can find Q & A information.

13) I want to say Thank you to the Langdon Parent Council It has been an honour working with the Administration and volunteers who make up this Parent Council. Our School Community is fortunate to have you here setting direction and championing Langdon School. Your dedication shows at the school!

Questions:

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