

## **Langdon School Council and AGM**

**June 1, 2021**

Amanda D, Norm E, Brandi Lee M, Patty S, Launa A, Brad M,

1. School Council meeting called to order at 7:10
2. Minutes approved by Launa, second by Brandi Lee
3. Agenda approved by Launa, second by Brandi Lee
4. Trustee Report

### **Board Affirms Student Code of Conduct**

- The Board affirmed Administrative Procedure AP350 – Student Code of Conduct, which sets forth desired student behaviour and lists examples of unacceptable behaviours and consequences.
- RVS administration reviewed and edited AP350 in December 2020 to address the requirements of the *Education Act*. The procedure was revised to reflect current practices, align with Positive Behaviour Intervention Supports in our Inclusion Practice Guide and affirm the rights for each student.

### **Funding Approved for Education Centre Renovation**

- The Board of Trustees approved funding previously allocated for renovations to RVS' Education Centre in Airdrie. The renovations will address some space constraints resulting from RVS' rapid growth focusing and include adding work/meeting rooms, increasing security at the reception desk and reducing 'open areas' in the foyer.
- Until the tender for construction is closed and bids are reviewed, the actual cost for the renovation is unknown. Preliminary budget for this project ranges between \$850,000-\$1.4 million. This wide gap is due to the current difficulty in determining construction costs due to supply chain uncertainties and inconsistent activity in the construction industry. Funds allocated specifically for renovations at the Education Centre will be used to cover the cost of the project.

### **RVS School Councils Well-Represented at ASCA AGM**

- The Board would like to thank those who were able to attend the ASCA Conference and AGM this year, as well as commend all RVS school council members for their dedication and commitment to their respective school councils.
- The 2021 School Councils Conference and Annual General Meeting, one of the most important events for parents on school council, was held April 23-25.
- The event provides development sessions, information sharing and resources for the school community, as well as the opportunity to engage in provincial education and network with others on school council.

- Of the 300 individuals registered to attend the online event, 35 were RVS school council members who signed up to receive funding allocated annually by the Board to support school council advocacy and learning.

### **Boundaries for Wards 2 and 5 Adjusted**

- The Board gave three readings to a bylaw amending the boundaries of Wards 2 and 5. These amendments reflect previously approved annexations of lands into the City of Calgary and now formally designated to be part of the Calgary Board of Education's (CBE) service area.
- Areas removed from RVS and added to CBE include the Haskayne area on the far west side of Calgary north of the Bow River and south of Crowchild Trail and Belvedere area east of Stoney Trail and north of 17<sup>th</sup> Ave SE.
- The bylaw will now be submitted to Alberta Education for approval by the Minister of Education.

### **Superintendent Luterbach's Contract Approved by Minister of Education**

- The Board received a piece of correspondence from the Minister of Education approving the renewal of Superintendent Greg Luterbach's contract for the term of September 2021-August 2026.
- The Board previously voted to renew Superintendent Luterbach's contract at its March 4 regular meeting.
- RVS Board, students, staff and school communities have benefited greatly from Superintendent Luterbach's strong, caring and dedicated leadership for the past five years, and the Board is delighted to continue working with him for another five years.

### **Prince of Peace Lutheran School to Close August 2022**

- The Board of Trustees made the difficult decision to close Prince of Peace Lutheran School, effective August 2022. RVS will start a new Christian program in Chestermere beginning in 2022/23.
- In February, RVS was informed that the property owner of the current facility would execute their right to terminate the lease effective Aug. 5, 2022. With the building no longer available, the Board initiated a consultation process March 18 to determine the future of the school.
- New Christian programs will be offered for Kindergarten-Grade 6 at East Lake School and for Grades 7-9 at Chestermere Lake Middle School should sufficient enrolment for each program occur. Details about this new program will be determined this coming fall.

### **School Fees Schedule Set for Upcoming School Year**

- The Board established the school fees schedule as required by the *Education Act*.

- Most course fees will remain the same with a few existing course fees increasing by no more than two per cent.
- Some new fees have been introduced, mostly for optional courses, activities and extracurriculars.
- School fee schedules will be posted on school websites before the beginning of the 2021/22 school year.

## **Board Approves Reduced Transportation Fees by up to 20% for 2021/22**

- The Board voted to implement reduced transportation fees for next year. Each year, transportation fees are updated to reflect projected expenses and revenues of RVS' Transportation department.
- The Transportation department continues to look for efficiencies to offset any cost increases for fuel and transportation services. The department was able to find efficiencies and reduce some routes this school year and is working with Calgary Catholic School District to further reduce and combine routes for both divisions. Because of this, RVS expects fees can be reduced.
- RVS will also offer a discounted rate for families that register for transportation early and pay at least half their fees by June 25. The balance would be collected Oct. 31.

## **Community Use Fees to Remain Unchanged**

- The Board voted to maintain rental fees for community use at their current rates for the 2021/22 school year.
- Community use has been interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, but it is the hope and expectation of RVS that it will resume in the 2021/22 year.
- To reduce barriers for use, RVS has sourced an insurance policy to cover use of its facilities by community users. All community users will be charged \$10 per booking and not require their own liability insurance for the use of RVS' facilities.
- Groups will be required to prepay rentals to reduce administration.

## **2021/22 Approved Budget Recognizes Impacts of COVID-19 on Students**

- The Board approved its budget for the 2021/22 school year. Priorities in the 2021/22 budget include pandemic recovery; student success through targeted funding to classrooms; school-based supports for students with complex needs; mental health and wellness supports; and literacy and numeracy skill development.
- Highlights of the budget include: adding \$1 million of new supports for student mental health and wellness; adding \$330 thousand for school based inclusion supports; maintaining staffing levels; dedicating funding to maintain enhanced cleaning in schools;

providing start-up funding for the two new online schools; and addressing increasing insurance premiums.

- This budget was built with the intention of funding additional opportunities and challenges with reserve dollars, given the unique divisional needs presented in the budget. Overall revenue is projected to be \$281.3 million, while expenditures total \$291.8 million. The Board anticipates using \$10.5 million of its operating reserves to ensure all students learn, belong and succeed, while addressing the longer-term impacts of the pandemic.

## **Goals, Outcomes and Priorities of Four-Year Plan Remain Consistent**

- The Board approved RVS' 2019-2023 Four-Year Plan, Innovators by Design – YEAR 3 update. The I CAN goals found in the Four-Year Plan are reviewed annually against the outcomes and performance measures set out in the plan. This allows RVS to identify what progress we have made and what areas require more attention.
- For year three, the goals, outcomes and priorities remain consistent. Input from our schools indicates that given the COVID-19 pandemic, now is not the time to change goals and outcomes.
- RVS' 2019-2023 Four-Year Plan, Innovators by Design, is based on feedback from students, parents, staff, business/community leaders and service providers who provided direct input into the development of a learning narrative and the plan's goals, outcomes, and strategies during an extensive 15-month consultation process.

## **RVS Launching Two New Online Schools**

- Following the Boards direction on April 1, RVS is creating two new online schools starting in the 2021/22 school year – one for Grades 1-9 and one for Grades 10-12. Both schools will build on the successful RVS Online Learning offering from 2020/21 and introduce some changes to improve the virtual learning experience.
- Each school will be unique, with its own administration, teachers, staff and access to various student supports. Students and staff will not be connected to any other existing RVS school.
- Families have from May 12 to May 31 to register for the online school. Registering for online school is a full-year commitment. To provide students the best possible start to their new online school, RVS needs time to plan and prepare. Unfortunately, that means RVS is unable to accommodate new registrations for online school after May 31.
- Once registration closes, enrolment for the two schools will dictate how resources are allocated. Students will be transferred from their current school to their new online school and staffing will be adjusted.

## **5. Administration report**

- a. Staffing changes - Marlene S has retired; Yvonne T and Christy T have transferred out; Adam James has transferred in; Nina L and Mitra N will move to new opportunities, Karen E will return to Indus, Elyse O has accepted a position for maternity leave; we are not aware of online teachers returning yet
- b. Class configuration – 2 classes of K, 3 classes at grade 6, four at grade 7, four at grade 8
- c. Parents can write a letter to T Rahn for consideration of class placements
- d. Option survey went well, started placing students in grade 7,8 and 9
- e. Mini libraries- Normand, Kelsey and the grade created libraries for the playground
- f. Memorial benches- and tables Colin M, J Toney, Melissa L (Table)

## **6. New business**

- a. None brought forward

## **7. School Council Meeting Date TBD**

## **8. Meeting Adjourned at 7:34**

## **AGM June 1, 2021**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35
2. Council to complete Mission and Vision statements in the fall, September 2021
3. Executive to sign confidentiality agreements
4. Council Positions:
  - a. Amanda DS nominated as Council Chair – Accepted Launa A; second by Brandi Lee M
  - b. Secretary nomination – TBD
  - c. Vice Chair nominated Brandi – Brandi Lee; second by Launa A
  - d. Previous Council Representative- Launa nominated by Brandi-Lee, second by Amanda DH
5. By Laws Motions made by Amanda, discussed and seconded by Launa A; carried
6. Pg.1
  - a. - 4) Vission is spelt wrong, so we need to correct the spelling to Vision
  - b. - 4) A) I) be guided by the Council Vision, Mission, and Values, and act in a manner consistent with the same. (Adding in the)

- c. - 7) B) This should be done at the AGM first at the end of the school year. If there is not a full council elected at the meeting, filling of vacant positions will be voted upon until filled for the following school year.
- d. - 7) C) I) Remove
- e. - 7) C) ii) Volunteer coordinator will be part of the council.
- f. Pg.4
- g. - 8) B) Votes can be shown by show of hands or Secret ballot.
- h. Pg.6
- i. - Iii) h) To submit approved agendas and minutes to the school secretary to put on the school website.
- j. - Iv) Remove this section, as we no longer have a treasurer
- k. - B) I) To remain
- l. Pg.8
- m. - 12) To remain
- n. - 13) All meetings shall be held at the Langdon School and/or through a secured online platform of their choice, such as Zoom, etc.
- o. - 13) v) 3. Remove
- p. Pg.11-12
- q. - 19) Remove

Next Langdon School Council meeting for Tuesday, September 28, 2021, at 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:19