

## **Langdon School Council March 30, 2021**

**In attendance:** Amanda Deeter-Schorhen, Kim Bigelow, Stacey Everett, Brandi Lee Mouk, Patty Sproule, Norman Ellis, Tammy Rahn

1. Call to order at 7:03 Welcome from Amanda
2. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting – Brandi Lee Mouk, Kim Bigelow
3. Agenda approval - Brandi Lee Mouk, Kim Bigelow
4. Alberta school conference- end of April
  - Amanda will attend
5. Trustee Report

## Operating Budget Adjustments for 2020/21

§ RVS projects total revenues of \$290 million by Aug. 31, compared to budgeted revenues of \$281.4 million estimated in the spring. The main reason for this change is an increase of \$9.3 million in Federal Safe Return to Class funding for costs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Other reasons include a decrease in fees revenue due to lower bus ridership and a slight reduction in expected options fees and school generated funds.

§ Projected expenses have also increased compared to the spring budgeted totals, to \$295.3 million from \$282.6 million. The Federal Safe Return to Class funding has been fully allocated. Another \$2 million for increased caretaking staff and supplies will be drawn down from reserves, depending on the utilization of Federal funds. Further, overall spending on staffing and supplies is anticipated to be \$2.15 million higher than the spring budget, with the majority of those increases occurring at the school level and being covered from school carry forward funding from last year.

## Board Hears Implications of Budget 2021

§ On Feb. 25, the Government of Alberta unveiled Budget 2021. The government has committed to keep funding stable for school authorities and stated no school authority will receive less funding in 2021/22 than they did in 2020/21.

§ In 2020, the Province introduced a new funding framework and a weighted moving average (WMA) enrolment calculation methodology. RVS' WMA calculation in 2020/21 and 2021/22 will be based on projected enrolment, which is positive because, as with many other jurisdictions, less students attended RVS in 2020/21. RVS is awaiting details on its specific funding profile.

§ RVS is also keen to learn if the government will approve its request for new schools and modular units to provide needed space for students.

## Budget Development Process Approved

§ The Board set its Budget Development Process for the 2021/22 school year. Based on the approved process, the budget will be tabled for the Board to consider on May 20.

## Trustees Approve 2021/22 Budget Priorities

§ In preparation for the 2021/22 school year, the Board approved its budget priorities. Budget principles and priorities are established each year at the outset of the annual budget process.

§ RVS' annual budget is driven by the goals and strategies of its Four-Year Plan and RVS' operational needs. A focus will remain on efficient and effective services while building on innovations over the past year. Priorities for the next school year include pandemic recovery and growth opportunities; student success through targeted funding to face-to-face and online classrooms; school-based supports for students with complex needs; mental health and wellness supports; and literacy and numeracy skill development.

#### RVSLA Students Mentor and Connect With Younger Learners

§ RVS Leadership Academy (RVSLA) Year 2 students Rylie Dolhan, Toby Carter and Kaisha Snyder and Teacher Lauren Currey presented a Student Showcase to the Board of Trustees (the Board) spotlighting Project ROAR (Reach Out And Reconnect).

§ Project ROAR is a pilot online mentorship program for elementary and middle school learners designed and implemented by high school students. The program features monthly online sessions with groups of younger students and their older student mentors, as well as one-on-one time. It is meant to nurture connection during a challenging period where many students have moved into an online learning environment.

§ Year 2 RVSLA students explained how they have adapted during the COVID-19 pandemic to find ways to engage and support younger students in RVS. Because of the pandemic, students could not offer their Middle School Leadership conference and instead launched Project ROAR.

#### Update on Prince of Peace Lutheran School

§ In February, RVS was notified by the landlord of the Prince of Peace Lutheran School property that it was terminating the school's lease effective Aug. 5, 2022. Shortly after, the Board informed families and staff of the decision.

§ RVS is disappointed about the future loss of the property, which has been home to the Prince of Peace community for several years. Space for students is a growing need in RVS.

§ Losing the school site has caused the Board and RVS administration to explore options and decide the future of the school. Discussions have begun, and RVS is in the early days of that process.

§ The Board voted to begin the school closure process for Prince of Peace on March 18th, 2021. This is a necessary first step in determining the future of the school, as staying in the current building is not an option.

§ RVS is sending letters to impacted municipalities and school jurisdictions, informing them the process has begun. Consultations will occur on April 14th; written submissions will be received from April 14th – 28th ; Delegations on May 6th and on May 13th , the Board will make a final decision.

#### Joint Use / Reserves Agreement Committee Approved to Move Forward

§ The Board appointed Judi Hunter, Trustee, Ward 5 and Patty Sproule, Trustee, Ward 2 to represent RVS on the committee developing a Joint Use/Reserves Agreement with Rocky View County (RVC), Calgary Catholic School District (CCSD) and FrancoSud.

§ RVC voted to terminate the previous Reserves Agreement with RVS and CCSD on Oct. 22, 2019. As required by the Municipal Government Act, the County must enter into a new agreement with the school divisions before 2023.

#### Board Seeking Minister of Education Approval to Renew Superintendent's Contract

§ Given the Board's earlier decision in June 2020 to renew Superintendent Luterbach's contract before it expires this summer, the Board approved a tentative contract and will submit the contract along with the necessary forms to the Minister of Education for their approval.

Bow Valley High School Addition Remains Top Capital Priority After no new RVS Capital Projects were funded by Alberta Education in Budget 2021, the Board approved its three-year capital plan.

§ As one of Alberta's fastest growing jurisdictions, it is critical that the government provide funding for new schools at a pace that meets the needs of RVS' increasing student population. RVS' three priority schools requested include an addition to Bow Valley High School, an Airdrie Kindergarten - Grade 8 school, and a Cochrane Kindergarten - Grade 5 school. RVS will submit its Capital Priorities list to Alberta Education by April 1.

#### Board Requests Meeting with Ministers

§ Meanwhile, RVS is waiting for word from the government on the request for modular units to help address some of the emergent space needs.

§ The Board also directed the Board Chair to request a meeting with the Ministers of Education and Infrastructure to share its disappointment w

6. Questions relating to curriculum: how was this decided? Will this be open to revision? Discussed the public reaction. Public reaction and lobbying would be a course of action; letters to Trustee, MLA and Education Minister
  
7. Staffing update – Yvonne Toney is moving to Airdrie; Adam James will be replacing her; Lyle Weigum has resigned; Leigh Anne O'Brien has resigned; Elyse Olafson is in for Donahue-Sumka's maternity leave  
Budget update - Surveillance Cameras \$7487.92 from Donations (non-specified) and Interest  
Apple TV s \$3500 from bottle; 35 Chromebooks \$11 576.00; Hot lunch \$6000.00  
Dance-a-thon \$5576.00 (Brandi and Elizabeth to check back on records)  
20 Chromebooks from IES; 30 Chromebooks from pandemic account; 25 amplification units  
Playbook review was completed today  
School attendance line – How does that work? Look into attendance call times

8. New Business??
9. Next meeting April 27, 2021 7:00
10. Meeting Ajourned at 8:00