

March 28th, 2022

MARCH PARENT COUNCIL REPORT -Langdon School

- 1) The Board of Trustees and Superintendent toured our Area – Ward Two - on March 2nd, 2022 – we were served a delicious lunch by the Culinary Group – 5 star meal!!!! – at Chestermere. We were all incredibly grateful to the staff and students at all of our schools. In Langdon, we saw your great robotics program, art projects and students working in your classrooms. All of your Administration were there to answer all of our questions.
- 2) March 1st Alberta easing into Step 2 of Alberta’s Public Health Measures
 - Any remaining school requirements removed (cohorting no longer required), no youth screening activities for entertainment and sports, all large venues and entertainment venues lifted, indoor and outdoor social gathering limits lifted and mask mandate lifted except in high risk settings – public transit, AHS facilities and continuing care facilities
- 3) Joint Schools Meeting March 10th – 6:30 – 8:00
Excellent meeting. Mental Wealth: Investing in your Child’s Emotional and Social Well Being was well received. I felt it really captured how many are feeling right now about their Mental Wealth.
- 4) ASCA – Alberta Schools Conference April 22 – 24, 2022 – online only
School Councils: Cultivating Compassion
Sessions on Inclusion, Resilience, student well being, curriculum, healthy schools and leadership. Starts Friday @12:30 and AGM on Sunday
The link to participate is listed below.
<https://www.albertaschoolcouncils.ca/about/annual-conference>
- 5) The following programs are offered to Parents free of Charge through RVS and Steppingstones to Mental Health. Link to register is listed below.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID: ADULTS WHO INTERACT WITH YOUTH (2-Day Workshop Online) Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is the help provided to a person who is showing signs of declining mental well-being or crisis. “MHFA – Supporting Youth” is a course designed for members of the public who have frequent contact with young people (ages 12 to 24). Participants will learn how to:

- Recognize signs that a young person may be experiencing a decline in their mental well-being or a mental health or substance use crisis.
- Initiate conversations that encourage a young person to talk about a mental health or substance use problem.
- Discuss professional and other supports that could help with recovery to improved mental well-being.

- Assist in a mental health or substance use crisis.
- Check in with one's own mental well-being and act as needed.

Date: May 02 & 04 2022

Time: 8:30 am – 1:00 pm (each day)

Registration: <https://register.rockyview.ab.ca/public/>

Professional Learning: Please create a profile and register for professional learning at the following link: <https://register.rockyview.ab.ca/public/>

1. **Go to LOGIN**
2. **Click public login on the right (if you are not a Rocky View Schools staff member)**
3. **If you do not have an account with us create an account by clicking “Need to Register?”**
4. **Create your profile and password**
5. **Register for the sessions you would like to join**

I have information about other programming if anyone is interested, that are available for parents – self regulation, ADHD, etc. Please contact me.

- 6) ASBA Grant - \$500.00 IGOTMIND – Presentation at School Councils.
WWW.THEWHITEHATTER.CA - recognized leaders and subject matter experts on the topics of social media safety, digital literacy, and online privacy and security. Cost is \$450.00 plus GST I have also forwarded information to the Chairs with suggestions from other Councils to assist. I sent a note out to all schools with suggestions just the other day to help with decision making.
- 7) Rocky View Schools has selected First Year Teacher Maureen McCann as our nomination for the Edwin Parr Award to Zone 5. I was on the selection committee and was thrilled to see the level of skill, dedication, and innovation in the seven first year teachers presented to our selection committee.
- 8) I attended the ARES – Alberta Rural Education Symposium March 6th – 8th, 2022 in Edmonton. FLOURISHING RURAL SCHOOL COMMUNITIES: Learning and Leading Through Appreciative Inquiry. I have shared this conference with my Board and will be sharing with your school Principal/executive.
- 9) Budget Priorities 2022/2023 to Include Enhanced Innovative Programming and Learning Spaces
 - **Rocky View Schools annual budget is driven by RVS’ vision of being a world-class learning organization where all students achieve their absolute best. In support of RVS’ Four-Year Plan to foster innovators in the learning journey and the operational needs of the division, the**

Board of Trustees identifies the following key priorities to guide the development of the 2022/23 budget:

- **Advancing student success through school level supports.**
 - **Enhancing innovative programming and learning spaces for students.**
 - **Improving literacy and numeracy skill development at all levels; and**
 - **Boosting mental health and wellness for students and staff.**
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- **Trustees also approved the Budget Development Process for 2022/23, which includes a detailed timeline and deliverables and key dates for providing a finalized budget to the provincial government in May 2022. (The Brief – Board Meeting Highlights)**

10) Strategic Planning by the Board is underway. We want to bring our Key Priorities to life. Input from stakeholders is most welcome. Please contact me to provide input.

11) Prince of Peace School is closing this year. The Christian program will continue though at East Lake and CLMS Grades K -8 in 2022/23. Anyone interested in the program can still find out more information by contacting the above schools. There is no extra fee for bussing to East Lake or CLMS. These two schools also house the French Immersion Program

12) The Board has approved the 2023-2026 Capital Plan Highlights – we are in **urgent need of space – modulars/schools**. We have not yet heard back from our October request for 18 modulars. We will be moving existing units to over capacity schools.

13) Transportation exemption routes have been approved for the next two years – Indus is one of those routes. There are pick up locations in Langdon that allow students to attend Indus School K-9 even though Langdon is outside the Indus School boundary. Westbrook and Kathryn have similar exemptions.

14) Changes were made to the 2022/2023 School Calendar. The Federal Government declared Sept 30 as a federal statutory holiday for National Truth and Reconciliation.

Questions:

Action Items:

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