

School Council Report for November

Hi, my name is Shelley Kinley. I am the Ward 2 Rocky View Schools School Trustee. I have lived in this area since 1982 and have raised my children in Rocky View Schools. I want for your children the same thing I wanted for mine – academic success, happiness and lifelong learning.

Since your last Parent Council meeting the following highlights have occurred:

- 1) The Board votes to strike an Indigenous Advisory Committee. We will be looking for High School students to sit on this board.
- 2) Enrollment exceeds projections by 1,333 students as of Sept 30th. This is a 5.27% increase over last year.
- 3) Alberta Government has changed the weighting of Diploma exams from 30% to 10% in light of students' interrupted schooling over the last two years.
- 4) Funding has been increased by \$45 mil to accommodate students in Grades 2 and 3 for literacy and numeracy.
- 5) PAT (Provincial Achievement Tests) will continue as a tool for assessment for Grades 6 and 9.
- 6) There is a survey on Alberta.ca/curriculum, where parents can share their thoughts on the draft K-6 curriculum.
- 7) For parents who would like resources to assist their children with their curricular coursework Learnalberta.ca has information for you.
- 8) November 25th we held a Joint School Councils Session. Inclusive Education, the AERR, ASCA and the Grant were the topics of discussion. I will forward all of the information to your chair for her to share with you. It is important to discuss the \$500.00 grant provided to your School Council. The funds need to be spent by the end of this school year. See notes!
- 9) Modular requests have been submitted in November. RVS requesting 18 modulares throughout the Division.
- 10) COVID RESPONSE – RVS has implemented the Restrictions Exemption Program – will be in place when students and staff return effective January 3, 2022.
- 11) November 16th, Minister of Education posts first reading of Bill 85 – Students First Statutes Amendment Act. See [Alberta.ca/release/government news](http://Alberta.ca/release/government%20news).
- 12) RVS Board of Trustees has approved the Annual Education Results Report. Please look for it on RVS' website. It reports on highlights and accomplishments from the previous year. Please look through the links in the report as they showcase students throughout the division and activities/educational opportunities available in the School Division. Of note for middle school parents, programs like The Farm, Building Futures, Leadership Academy. Registration for these programs is generally in February.
- 13) Highlights from last year:

RVS committed to literacy and numeracy while addressing increased mental health needs
3000 students took part in the RVS online Learning in Grades 1 -12 last year.

New customized Education Survey – developed by a local committee tying outcomes to the Four Year Plan. Over 10000 stakeholders participated.

Know as the 4 Year Plan or AERR Annual Education Results Report.

Are there any questions for me?

Action Items:

Thank you for listening. My email is skinley@rockyview.ab.ca if you have any questions.