

Parent Council Report September 2022

Welcome back! The 2022/2023 School year opened with the Board of Trustees helping serve the Administrative and Executive team of Rocky View Schools a welcome back breakfast August 26th, 2022. Your Administration Team had already been back at work but came to the School Division office to hear from the Superintendent and Staff and network with others in the School Division. The enthusiasm and energy in the room was electric.

- 1) Our preliminary enrolment numbers show significant growth already. There was an increase of 1,110 students (4.3%). This is double the provincial average. Final numbers will be submitted to the Government on September 29th, 2022. As we discussed last year, RVS is in URGENT NEED of Government approval and funding for new schools, additions, and modular classrooms.
- 2) As a Board we are committed to advocating to the government to fund the space needed for RVS students and relieve the pressures in our schools.
- 3) Colette Winter, Director of Operations, updated the Board on the completion or almost completion of upgrades/renovations that occurred over the summer. In our area, Partial Roof Replacement was done on the North side of Chestermere High School. (The South side has already been replaced) Multiple other projects were also completed at George McDougall, Cochrane Artificial Turf Project, and an outdoor classroom at Airdrie's Windsong Heights School. Some of the projects done were a redesignation of existing nonteaching spaces and converting learning spaces for multi-purpose use as necessary solutions to keep class sizes reasonable as we continue to grow. This intensification of space helps with providing student space. They have completed an amazing number of projects over the summer despite supply chain issues.
- 4) The Board approved changes to Hearings on Teacher Transfer Policy 14. This included renaming, renumbering, and clarification of some of the sections to align the process from beginning to end.
- 5) Our Board Organizational Meeting is set for September 22nd, 2022. Board and Vice Chair will be appointed at that time along with Board Committee Memberships.
- 6) Strategic Planning has been ongoing over the summer months. A three-day Strategic Planning Session in August was a continuation of the process started in Spring. In early October an email will be sent out to all parents asking for their feedback on the Priorities provided by the Board through the consultation process. (October 3rd – 17th). Please take the time to share your voice with the division. Each of our areas are unique and it is important that we collectively respond to these opportunities on behalf of our community. These priorities are a culmination of detailed analysis of the Survey done in May by students, parents, stakeholders, and staff.

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