

# **Board Meeting Highlights**

Friday, March 24, 2023

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### **Board of Trustees**

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#### **St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School Presentation:**

A leadership group of students from both Father Henri Voisin School and St. Thomas Aquinas Middle School, who will attend St. Lorenzo Ruiz Middle School, presented two logos they helped to create to the Board of Trustees. The students discussed the logo design process and presented the new school's corporate and athletic logos.

#### **Three Year Capital Plan:**

The Board of Trustees approved the Three Year Capital Plan presented by the Secretary Treasurer. RDCRS' Capital Plan is based on projected enrolments for the Division.

The top priorities are:

- 1.) New Kindergarten Grade 5 school in Blackfalds (design funding secured)
- 2.) New high school in Sylvan Lake
- 3.) New high school in Blackfalds
- 4.) New Kindergarten Grade 5 school in Red Deer

To view the Three Year Capital Plan, please click here.

#### **Transportation and Dayhome Update:**

The Superintendent presented the RDCRS Transportation - Dayhome Update Report to the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees approved changes to the transportation process originally approved on May 24, 2022, by amending Guideline 3:

- Each child will receive, if necessary, up to two bus stops to accommodate up to two addresses. The second registered address need not be an address where the student resides.
- Should the student's second bus stop be located on the same route as the student's primary address' bus stop, no additional transportation fees would apply.

- If a student's second bus stop requires the use of a second bus route, within the school catchment, a fee of \$150 will apply to offset the seat being occupied on a second bus route.
- If a student's second address is outside the school catchment, there will be no busing provided.

The revised transportation processes will come into effect at the start of the 2023-2024 school year. For more information about RDCRS' transportation and dayhome updates, please click <u>here</u>.

#### **MLA Forum Update:**

At the February 28, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees tasked administration to generate ideas on how to involve RDCRS high schools in the upcoming provincial election process.

The Superintendent proposed a Student Election Event to the Board of Trustees, a non-partisan election forum for candidates to respond to Social Studies 30 student-generated questions.

Equal opportunity for participation will be provided to all local candidates in this authentic learning opportunity, modeling civic engagement for our students. The Board of Trustees approved the Student Election Forum, which will take place on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at École Secondaire Notre Dame High School.

Social Studies 30 students from all three RDCRS high schools, all political candidates within the region of RDCRS, and RDCRS Trustees will be invited to attend. For more information about the Student Election Forum, please click <a href="https://example.com/here/beta/beta/2016/">here/beta/2016/<a>.

## Central Alberta Collegiate Institute (CACI) - Proposal to Alberta Education

The Superintendent shared with the Board of Trustees that RDCRS has successfully completed the first phase of a partnership application to form collegiate school status. The partnership involves RDCRS, Red Deer Public Schools, Chinooks Edge School Division, Wolf Creek Public Schools, Olds College, Red Deer Polytechnic, and CAREERS. The partnership will operate under the name Central Alberta Collegiate Institute (CACI).

The initial proof of concept proposal, which was handed in on January 15, received approval on February 27 and as a result, RDCRS was invited to continue to phase two of the application, which is a detailed business plan.

As RDCRS has now moved into the business phase of the proposal, we anticipate that we will continue to evolve the CACI vision. For more information, please click <u>here</u>.

The next Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

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