

Board Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, February 22, 2022

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Board of Trustees

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COVID-19 Motions:

The Board of Trustees approved two COVID-19 motions:

Recommended Motion #1:

Considering that The Government of Alberta has removed, or has indicated it will soon remove, COVID-19 restrictions and public health orders, the Board of Trustees therefore directs administration to repeal Administrative Procedure #162, COVID-19 Vaccination/Rapid Testing Requirements.

Recommended Motion #2:

Considering that The Government of Alberta has removed, or has indicated it will soon remove, COVID-19 restrictions and public health orders, and considering that Administrative Procedure #162, COVID-19 Vaccination and Rapid Testing Requirements, have been repealed, the Board of Trustees therefore will not take any further action directed in motion 22/01/25-13 (COVID-19 Protocol for Trustees).

2022-2023 Calendar Approvals:

The Board of Trustees reviewed the 2022-2023 Calendar Summary and approved the school calendars as presented by the Associate Superintendent of Human Resources. Please note, Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30 will be a non-operational day as well as May 29 which will be the provincial election date and schools will be used as polling stations. For more information, please click <u>here</u>.

Support Staff Salary Adjustment:

The Board of Trustees approved an increase to the salary grid of all non-union support staff with the exception of senior administration in the amount of one percent effective February 16, 2022 as well as a one time lump sum per staff member to be paid on or before March 25, 2022. For more information, please click <u>here</u>.

ASBA Friends of Education Nomination:

The Board of Trustees approved the motion to nominate Elder Teresa "Corky" Larsen for the Alberta School Boards Association (ASBA) Friends Of Education Award. The Friends of Education Award recognizes individuals or organizations who are demonstrably committed to improving education for Alberta students and who have made a significant contribution to education in Alberta. Teresa "Corky" Larsen Jonasson is an 1 Elder who continually supports RDCRS' work, fosters the Division's professional growth and learning, and helps guide our school division to move forward towards a path of truth and reconciliation as a Catholic school division.

Child and Youth Well-being Review Panel's Recommendations:

The Associate Superintendent of Inclusive Learning presented the Child and Youth Well-being Review Panel Recommendations and RDCRS Mid-Year Report. Highlights in the report included the following:

- RDCRS had 775 referrals in two months.
- Referrals from an RDCRS program to outside agencies have been outstanding. Navigating these systems can be difficult, however, RDCRS' Family School Enhancement Counsellors are able to link our families with the appropriate community support.
- Population Groups Represented by Families Accessing RDCRS Program Services: This year, RDCRS has a team member working with our Indigenous Education Services team to share culturally-specific services, knowledge and connections with our First Nations, Métis and Inuit students and families.

For more information, please click here.

Information Items

Superintendent Report:

The Associate Superintendent of Curriculum shared with the Board of Trustees that beginning this August, RDCRS will replace Edsby with a new reporting system called Schoology, which is owned and operated by Powerschool, RDCRS' Student Information System. Benefits of being owned and operated by Powerschool include seamless integration between reporting programs and our student information system, as well as providing one common reporting system for all students in RDCRS from Grades 1 to 12.

Beginning the 2022-23 school year, all RDCRS students in Grades 1 to 5, and those in online courses, will report student learning using Schoology. Schoology will be optional for middle and regular high school teachers in 2022-2023, with an expected implementation for all middle school and regular high school teachers in 2023-2024. For more information, please click <u>here</u>.

The next Board Meeting is March 29, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Kim Pasula, Board Chair

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