

Board Meeting Highlights

Friday, October 28, 2022

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Catholic Education Sunday:

Catholic Education Sunday will take place on November 6 and with that comes the opportunity to celebrate Catholic schools in the Province of Alberta. Publicly-funded, Catholic education is a gift that we acknowledge with deep gratitude and embrace with unwavering resolve. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide faith-based education to more than 10,000 students in our school division in Red Deer, Sylvan Lake, Blackfalds, Rocky Mountain House, Innisfail and Olds, and also support the learning of over 800 students in a Home Education Program.

Approval of 2023-2024 School Calendars:

The Board of Trustees approved the 2023-2024 School Calendars for Red Deer, Sylvan Lake, Blackfalds, St. Patrick's Community School (Year-Round), Olds, Innisfail and Rocky Mountain House, as presented. To view the school calendars, please click here.

RDCRS Students are Successful:

RDCRS is consistently monitoring and evaluating the four outcomes of the RDCRS Education Plan throughout the year to ensure present and future student success. As part of Outcome 1 of the Division Education Plan, RDCRS students are successful, RDCRS has employed several strategies and performance measures to achieve and evaluate this outcome. In addition, students have also found success through dual-credit grants and St. John Paul II Outreach School. For more information, please click here.

Student Enrollment Report:

The Secretary Treasurer shared with the Board of Trustees that the student enrollment for 2022-2023 has grown by 1.29% in total students and 1.57% in Full-Time Equivalency (FTE) over the 2021-2022 school year, including home school students. To view the Student Enrollment Report, please click here.

Capital Projects Report:

The Secretary Treasurer updated the Board of Trustees about the St. Lorenzo Ruiz Capital Project and shared that the Division continues to work towards the goal of construction completion by June of 2023. To view the full report, please click <u>here</u>.

Professional Development for School Leaders:

In September, three different professional learning sessions were offered to RDCRS school administrators and ranged from topics including: Schoology, a technology system for reporting learning, as well as collective leadership, which research shows has a stronger influence on student achievement compared to individual leadership, in addition to trauma-informed practices.

These professional learning opportunities equip school administrators with current research and develop their knowledge, skills, and capabilities to meet potential challenges and issues head-on. This also further deepens their understanding of the needs within their school communities and ultimately, enables them to put their acquired professional development skills into action. At RDCRS, lifelong learning and development is highly-valued and school administrators are continually supported with the knowledge, skills, and capabilities to effectively lead schools. For more information on the professional development opportunities at RDCRS, please click here.

The next Board Meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Anne Marie Watson, Board Chair

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