



Board Meeting Highlights



Date: April 18, 2019

Chestermere student accommodation delegations

- In November 2018, Rocky View Schools (RVS) launched a public consultation for families in Chestermere, to discuss possible changes to attendance areas and/or grade configurations to accommodate growing K - Gr. 9 student enrolments.
- Currently, there are four schools in Chestermere accommodating K – Gr. 9 students: Rainbow Creek Elementary (K – Gr. 5), Prairie Waters Elementary (K – Gr. 5), East Lake School (K – Gr. 9) and Chestermere Lake Middle School (Gr. 6 – 9).
- Utilization rates for these schools are currently between 86 – 94 per cent.
- With the student population in Chestermere projected to increase annually by approximately 250 students, and a lack of approval on modular units, RVS is exploring three accommodation scenarios to help alleviate overcrowding in schools.
- These scenarios were presented to stakeholders, March 27, 2019, and feedback was solicited.
- To date, RVS has received nearly 50 written submissions and also received two delegations to the Board, April 18, 2019.
- The Board will deliberate its decision May 2, 2019, and will issue a notice to all stakeholders following the adjournment of the public meeting.

Board approves re-designation of French Immersion students from Southpoint community

- Kindergarten to Gr. 4 French Immersion students residing in Airdrie's Southpoint community will now be directed to attend A.E. Bowers Elementary, instead of École Edwards Elementary.
- English program students from Southpoint are being directed to Northcott Prairie School (K – 8). FI students at the middle and high school level will continue to be directed to Ecole Airdrie Middle and George McDougall.

Board Operations and Trustee Compensation and Development policies approved

- Following a review of Board Policy 7 – Board Operations, RVS' Board Policy Committee restructured the policy into two separate policies.
- In addition to becoming its own policy, Policy 27 reflects revised honoraria rates, reflecting federal tax law changes enacted in January 2019.
- Policy 7 also saw a major reorganization of items, although the components remained the same.

- A subsequent motion was approved by the Board to forego the annual Calgary Consumer Price Index salary adjustment (as provided for in Board Policy 27) for the budget year 2019/20.

Exemplary Practice – Evidence-informed literary practices

- The Board of Trustees heard from administrators from Elbow Valley Elementary, Herons Crossing School and Mitford School in relation to their work over the last three years of elevating literacy learning practices in their schools.
- Based on evidence and research, this team of administrators worked to build literacy across all curriculum.
- Teachers partnered with organizations like Calgary Reads to help promote and foster literacy among students.
- These three schools highlight the research-based and evidence-informed literacy practice occurring across the jurisdiction.