



Board Meeting Highlights



Date: Feb. 7, 2019

Prince of Peace Lutheran School

- RVS' Board of Trustees voted, Feb. 7, 2019, to postpone its deliberation on the viability of the Prince of Peace Lutheran School until its March 7, 2019, Board Meeting.
- The decision was precipitated by RVS' ongoing negotiations on a lease agreement with SAGE Properties.

RVS class size report

- Findings from the annual Alberta Education Class Size initiative suggests overall, RVS experienced a reduction in class size compared to the 2017/2018 school year.
- In the fall of 2018, 44 RVS schools reported their class size information, which was based on Sept. 30th enrolment numbers.
- Based on these schools' submissions, RVS class size averages for all subjects were as follows: K – Gr. 3 = **21.4**; Gr. 4 – 6 = **25.1**; Gr. 7 – 9 = **26.2**; Gr. 10 – 12 = **24.6**.
- Compared to Sept 2017, RVS saw a reduction in class size in
 - 14 schools at the K – Gr. 3 level,
 - 28 schools at the Gr. 4 – 6 level,
 - 11 schools at the Gr. 7 – 9 level, and
 - 6 schools at the Gr. 10 – 12 level.
- There are a variety of factors that can influence class sizes, including but not limited to student enrolment growth, French immersion dual-track schools, the establishment of new programs and individual school student enrolment breakdown.
- These statistics reflect classroom teacher-student ratios only. They do not include support staff such as child development advisors, classroom assistant, literacy specialists.

Westbrook School – donations approved for gym expansion

- RVS' Board of Trustees approved \$200,000 in donations that will be allocated towards expanding the gym in the new Westbrook School.
- RVS' initial plans were to construct a 430m² gymnasium, the provincial standard for a 250-student capacity school. However, feedback garnered from community stakeholders identified that the school and the community could both benefit from a larger gym, allowing for the addition of bleachers.
- Rocky View County and the Friends of Westbrook each raised \$100,000 to support the addition of 84m² to the gym, which will provide adequate space for the bleachers.

New name for Hillcrest community K – Gr. 8 school

- After being presented with two recommendations from RVS' Hillcrest Area School Ad Hoc Naming Committee, Feb. 7, 2019, Trustees voted in favour of naming the school Northcott Prairie School.
- Two names had been put forward for consideration: Northcott Prairie School and Hillcrest Point School.
- The City of Airdrie's Community Development group put forward Northcott school as Northcott represents two prominent Airdrie families. The naming committee added Prairie to the name as it gives homage to the history of the school's location and recognizes the environmental features that will be included.
- The latter name evolved from an initial recommendation submitted to the committee to name the school "Hillcrest School". While the committee agreed that naming the school after the community would create further investment in and more strongly link the two, it would be fitting to also recognize the bordering community of Southpointe.