



Board Meeting Highlights



Date: Jan. 24, 2019

Exemplary Practice – Making Learning Visible Through Storytelling, Rick Gaudio

- The Board of Trustees recognized Learning Specialist Rick Gaudio for his contribution to Making Learning Visible within Rocky View Schools (RVS).
- Since 2010, Rick has taken a digital storytelling approach, developing powerful videos that chronicle the evolution of the jurisdiction as a learning organization and inspire educators, students, parents and the community-at-large.
- Four video galleries that have garnered significant interest are [RockyTalks](#), [RVS' Student Showcase](#), [Learning Stories](#) and [RockyDocs](#).
- These galleries capture evidence of student learning, document best practice for teaching, reflection, and assessment and showcase innovation happening across the jurisdiction.
- Making Learning Visible has been identified as one of six priority areas for Year One of the DRAFT new Four Year Plan.
- Rick currently has more than a dozen projects in development across all grades. He also is documenting RVS' Four Year Planning Process with a playlist featuring footage of the design process, panel discussions and the annual Animated Yearbooks of learning design in RVS.

Alberta School Council Association Annual Conference

- Each spring the Alberta School Councils Association (ASCA) holds their annual conference / general meeting. Typically attended by 300-400 individuals, the three-day event brings together parents and trustees from across the province to share issues, participate in learning sessions and develop policy for the association.
- The Board feels the conference is worthwhile and wanted to provide financial support for more parents to be able to attend the event.
- The Board of Trustees will sponsor 14 school council members to attend the Alberta School Council Association's Annual Meeting, April 26 – 28, 2019.

Four Year Plan Development Update

- On Jan. 15, 2019, RVS released the latest draft of its 2019 – 2023 Four Year Plan in the form of a [four-page communiqué](#).
- The communiqué details the work undertaken by a Superintendent Working Committee (SWC) charged with reviewing all the stakeholder feedback provided during a series of consultation activities that took place between October and December.
- Over two days, the SWC conducted a thematic analysis of the feedback provided and came up with a set of interconnected design principles that they organized into the mnemonic, LEARN.
- Following a critique and review of LEARN, the SWC identified strategies to build synergy and advance the plan's goals and outcomes.
- To help build greater understanding of the design principles, the Learning Design Team developed a

new video, [2023 by Design – Our Design Principles](#), available on YouTube.

- Executive, directors and administrators were asked to vet the latest edition of the plan and video with their staff and direct them to provide their feedback on the draft goals, outcomes, design principles and strategies via two new activities on [2023byDesign.com](#), a poll and “I CAN Learn...”.
- In advance of the Feb. 12, 2019 Revision Day, RVS also will seek feedback on the plan from members of the high school Leadership Academy.
- The plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees March 7, 2019, for deliberation and approval.

Infrastructure/Maintenance Renewal Project Recommendations

- Each year, Alberta Education allocates dedicated funding to school authorities for Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) projects.
- RVS received just over \$5 million from the province for 2018/19 and had approximately \$3.3 million in carryover from the previous year. This brought the total available IMR budget to just under \$8.5 million.
- Based on recommendations made by the Department of Business and Operations, the Board of Trustees approved the 2018/19 IMR budget.
- With its IMR funding, RVS will make upgrades to lighting, flooring, HVAC systems, roofing and washrooms. Funding also will be allocated towards Indus School’s modernization.
- IMR funds can be utilized at facilities that are at least five years old, except P3 facilities.