



## Board Meeting Highlights



**Date: June 20, 2019**

### **Trustees celebrate staff excellence in RVS**

- The Board recognized 29 staff members who demonstrated leadership in learning by earning either a post-graduate degrees, diplomas or certificates during the 2018/19 school year.
- Included in the recognition ceremony were RVS' Zone 5 Edwin Parr Award nominee Sarah Hawley, from Cochrane Christian Academy, and five first-year teachers also nominated for the award.

### **Board approves RVS' 2019/20 operating budget**

- Trustees approved Rocky View Schools' (RVS) 2019/20 annual operating budget of \$279 million and instructed the Superintendent to submit to Alberta Education.
- Key Board priorities include direct classroom instruction, direct classroom support for learners with complex needs, mental health supports and literacy and numeracy skill development.
- Reflecting an increase of approximately 655 additional students to be served, the budget directs 78 per cent of revenues to schools, 13 per cent to plant operations and maintenance, 6 per cent for transportation and 3 per cent to administration.
- The budget was prepared with the assumptions that the province will fund enrolment growth and maintain current grant levels with the exception of the Classroom Improvement Fund.

### **Westbrook replacement school update**

- The Board approved the revised expenditure amount from \$6 million to \$7.2 million from reserves to build a replacement school for Westbrook and awarded the tender to Maple Reinders Inc.
- The revision was approved as actual construction costs rose by \$1.2 million due to increased levies, changes in building code and incorporating the demolition of the current school.

### **Board approves enhancement to support staff's flex benefit plan**

- Trustees approved an enhancement to support staff's flex benefit plan, effective Aug. 19, 2019.
- Final details will be provided to impacted support staff in the coming weeks.

### **Cochrane Track and Turf Project**

- The Board provided a letter of support for the establishment of a fundraising society to improve the athletic field west of Cochrane High.
- Cost estimated to be between \$3 – 3.5 million, an artificial turf, running track, lights and bleachers is proposed, with construction anticipated to begin June 2020.
- The Board gave initial approval for the project to proceed contingent on the formation of a fundraising society, a community consultation to ensure neighbouring schools and the community are in agreement and have a voice in its design, and the establishment of both a reserve and general maintenance fund.

### **Changes to the PDLC Operating Guidelines approved by the Board**

- The Board approved recommended changes to the Professional Development and Leave Committee (PDLC) Operating Guidelines for the 2019/20 school year and encouraged a comprehensive review of the guidelines to ensure the most effective utilization of funding in subsequent years.
- The PDLC administers funds, comprised of annual contributions from RVS and its teachers, to support teaching staffs' professional learning (PL) opportunities and growth.

- In response to a new collective agreement, revisions to the guidelines include new procedures that enable substitute teachers to access the fund.

**Board approves 2019/20 Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal budget**

- Trustees approved RVS 2019/20 Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) expenditure plan, valued at \$8.3 million.
- Projects identified were prioritized based on health and safety, building life-cycle, functional modernizations to accommodate students and program enhancements.
- Over \$2.4 million of the expenditure plan is being carried over from 2018/19 for monies previously announced for Indus School's modernization.