



Board Meeting Highlights



Date: March 7, 2019

Prince of Peace Lutheran School Lease Achieved

- Rocky View Schools' (RVS) Board of Trustees voted, March 7, 2019, to accept SAGE Properties' five-year lease agreement with an 18-month termination clause, subject to approval of the lease by SAGE's Directors.
- The Board also voted to close the school, effective June 30, 2019, if SAGE Properties does not approve the lease by March 18, 2019.
- Although this allows RVS to maintain the program for the near future, a long-term solution is required given that SAGE's Directors have yet to approve the lease and that the property owners intend to eventually sell the building.
- Trustees also voted to begin managing the number of students at Prince of Peace, given that Chestermere's current schools are full. Effective immediately no new non-resident students will be accepted.

Approval of RVS' 2019-2023 Four Year Plan

- Trustees approved the goals, outcomes and design principles identified in RVS' 2019 – 2023 Four Year Plan, Innovation by Design, March 7, 2019.
- The new plan is based on the hopes and desires of multiple stakeholder groups who provided direct input into the development of a learning narrative and the plan's goals, outcomes, design principles and strategies during an extensive 10-month consultation process.
- Over the next five months, RVS will identify performance measures for the plan with the intent to find a balance between required provincial measures and local measures that will chart the jurisdiction's progress towards achieving the plan's outcomes.
- The full plan will return to the Board Table in November 2019 for final approval and submission to the Ministry of Education.

Approval of Locally Developed Courses

- Pending approval from Alberta Education, high schools in RVS will have the opportunity to offer two new Locally Developed Course (LDC) streams beginning in September 2019: Leadership in the Arts and Design Thinking for Innovation.
- Leadership in the Arts is a cross-disciplinary study that will encourage critical thinking, creativity, entrepreneurial and innovative learning. This LDC will have a strong community focus and will help prepare students to be leaders in the Arts.
- Design Thinking for Innovation will provide students with an opportunity to engage in longer-term, increasingly complex and personally relevant design, innovation and invention projects.
- The Board also approved the renewal of 29 LDCs that were set to expire, giving students continued access to courses related to the performing arts, creative writing, paleontology, yoga and more.
- LDCs are developed by school authorities to provide students with opportunities to explore a range

of interests in subject areas that complement provincial programs of study. LDCs also can address a unique community priority and engage students who may be at risk of leaving school early.

Advocacy Election Campaign

- With a mandate to recommend implementation plans for lobbying efforts, political networking and promotion of educational stewardship, the Board of Trustees' Advocacy Committee proposed that a series of questions be provided to RVS stakeholders in advance of the upcoming election.
- The Board approved four non-partisan questions specific to education, March 7, 2019.
- These questions, presented in a postcard format, will be distributed to schools and school councils once the writ drops.
- Stakeholders will be encouraged to pose these four questions to candidates via social media, e-mail, letters, and/or in person.

2019/20 Budget Priorities

- Students continue to be the primary focus of RVS' Board of Trustees, as evidenced by the 2019/20 budget priorities, which emphasize direct classroom instruction, inclusive education, mental health supports and balanced literacy and numeracy skills.
- Approved by the Board March 7, 2019, the budget priorities are driven by the goals and strategies of RVS' Four Year Plan, to foster innovators in their learning journey while supporting the operational needs of the jurisdiction.
- RVS' complete 2019/20 budget will be presented for approval in the spring.

Memorandum of Agreement with ATA Local #35

- In January, the Board's Labour Relations committee reached a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with ATA Local #35.
- The ATA Local ratified the agreement, Feb. 12, 2019; the Board completed its ratification process March 7, 2019.
- This marks the conclusion of the current round of local bargaining.