

## January 2014 School Council Report

- At our Nov. 21 Board meeting we voted on our modular submission to the government. We're asking for 17 new, 15 relocations and 9 dispositions. Included are 2 portables for Prince of Peace, 2 for Rainbow Creek and 2 for East Lake.
- At the same meeting we directed the Superintendent to have the planning department proceed with development and building permit applications for the modulars so that it may make it more possible for September occupancy. It's a bit of a risk because we don't know if we'll get the approvals but if we don't this year, we will eventually. The need won't go away.
- AERR results show RVS drop out rate is 1.6% compared to province at 3.5%. The entire report is on the website.
- During January and February our Board and new Superintendent, Don Hoiium will be touring every school in RVS.
- Alberta School Board Association Conference-
  - Our own Helen Clease has been elected as the new President of the Alberta School Board's Association.
  - Ab Ed Minister Jeff Johnson spoke about the High School Flexibility Project, which will allow students more time for courses if needed or allow them to complete courses in less time.
  - Ab Ed is working towards having diploma exams on demand
  - Will be more opportunity for input into new Education Act regulations after the draft is created
- At our Dec 5<sup>th</sup> meeting there was a Notice of Motion made that called for the implementation of the new report card to be delayed to a 2 year pilot and be reevaluated by the spring of 2015.
- We are still encouraging parents to give us feedback on the new report card.
- Budget amendments. We gained 2.675 million in revenue because of the increased enrollments over projection. 2.675 went to schools,
- [The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Speak Out Conference](#) takes place in Edmonton from April 11 to 13, 2014. Student applications are now being accepted and must be received by February 28, 2014. The conference is an opportunity for Alberta's youth, aged 14 to 19, to come together to discuss education in Alberta.
- On Dec 18 the province announced approval for a new K-4 school in Airdrie.
- Calendar survey is being done until the end of the month. We'd like to get the school calendars approved asap.
- Policy EGAA Copyright out for feedback.