November 2016 Indus School Council Meeting

- Curriculum Redesign
    - Ellen Hambrook ADM Student Learning Standards Division AB ED
        - Built their own digital curriculum platform
            - Will allow for teachers to collaborate and connect with other teachers around the province
        - No dates have been established for implementation
        - Revamping Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Arts and Wellness
        - Working on ways to keep curriculum relevant as things change so quickly
        - Will have more opportunity to apply what they learn to real life scenarios. Kids will see how what they're learning is relevant.
        - Greater use of technology to keep up with today
        - Last 5 years have had 5 ministers and 6 deputy ministers...each time there's a change the GOA has to start over and make sure that the new people are ok with the direction
        - Will have common design for curriculum
        - More focused learning outcomes
        - Emphasis on literacy and numeracy and cross-curricular competencies
        - More supports for literacy and numeracy than ever before. Will be for all grades, not just primary. There’s the recognition that without strong literacy and numeracy, nothing else matters
        - Learner outcomes that focus on conceptual and procedural knowledge in each subject will continue but teachers can determine how to best teach the content as they know their students best.
        - Will have inclusion of FNMI and francophone culture and perspectives
        - Will have consistent standards across the entire curriculum
        - Curriculum development application
            - Will make it easier for teachers
            - Teachers can select grade and subjects and get outcomes, curricular areas and ideas all on the platform
            - Can share information and collaborate with others through the application
        - K-4 will be completed by 2018
        - Gr 5-8 by 2019
        - 9-12 by 2020 or 2012
        - Will keep asking for feedback along the way in the process.

- RVS enrollment is up 1145 students to 22, 712. Cochrane grew by 8%, Chestermere by 6.6% and Airdrie by 5.7%
- We have revised our Community Use policy so that alcohol consumption will no longer be permitted in RVS schools or administrative buildings. The same holds true for smoking of any kind…tobacco, marijuana, e-cigarettes.
- Christmas Card contest "Most Wonderful Time of the Year" deadline is December 9th
- ASBA FGM is November 20-22. Many MLAs from all stripes were in attendance at our MLA reception on Monday night. Leela Aheer and Cam Westhead were there for RVS.
    - David Eggen, Minister of Education
        - Has committed to meet with all boards
        - Over 30,000 Curriculum Redesign surveys were filled out with lots of feedback
        - Will be discussing the future of Ed Act during his meetings with Boards
        - Climate Leadership Plan – rolled out plans to install solar panels on 36 schools as pilot. Trying to have carbon tax dollars given back to Boards. Figuring out the details.
        - School Nutrition program – pilot right now but will eventually roll out to all Boards
        - Mental Health Review is complete and will now start looking at how to implement recommendations
- Ward Boundary Review Consultation meeting is Nov 30 at CHS 7:00. Please participate in our online survey if you're not able to come to the consultation meeting!