

September 2013 School Council Report

- Role of Trustee: Communicator, Planner, Policy maker, Advocate, Educator, Adjudicator, Lobbyist, Legislator, Politician.
- Ward 2 has 9 schools in Chestermere, Langdon and Indus and in Sept 2014, it'll have 10 schools. (There's about 4000 students in my ward and about 26,000 constituents)
- RVS Communication: New newsletter (Replay subscriptions), Facebook, Twitter, website, School Council meetings, community meetings.
- The Board secured the services of ASBA to help us with our new Superintendent search. Initially we were going to wait for the new Board to hire the new Superintendent but we decided to begin the process immediately in order to draw from the largest talent pool. We shortlisted in July and did interviews in the first week of September. An announcement will be made soon.
- Sharon Rhodes, principal of CHS has been seconded by Ab Ed and we've hired Jordan Fenton to be the new principal of CHS.
- New Kinniburgh K-9 Boundaries were voted on during our June 20 meeting:
 - The new K-9 in Kinniburgh receives students from East Chestermere, Kinniburgh, rural Chestermere and for the French Immersion program.
 - Prairie Waters receives students who reside within the town on the west side of the lake and north of highway 1A and the Cove community on the east side of the lake.
 - Chestermere Lake receives students from Rainbow Creek and Prairie Waters.
 - Transition plan for it to open K-8 and then K-9 the next year
- Public consultation for the regulations of the new Education Act has begun. There is online feedback, surveys, face to face meetings and written submissions. Meeting for Calgary area for new Ed Act regulations is October 8th. There are also 35 working groups to flesh out the draft regs. Process will be complete in summer of 2014, leaving a year for Boards to develop policies and procedures before final proclamation of the Ed Act in September 2015.
- Rainbow Creek modulars should be ready for students mid-October.
- Val Murdoff will be the new principal of the Chestermere K-9 school. She will officially take on the role in the new year and is looking forward to getting to know the Chestermere community.
- We have developed a consultation process so that we can get feedback from parents regarding the new K-8 reporting process. There will be 5 school based meetings to provide info, answer questions and get feedback. Parents and teachers can also email assessment@rockyview.ab.ca. If you're comfortable, I would appreciate being cc'd so that I can be kept in the loop in a timely manor.
- Feedback until Sept 30 on Programs of Choice, Student Accidents and Environmental Stewardship, and Whistle Blower (Public Interest Disclosure) until end of Oct.

- Last spring, the Minister of Ed sent out a Ministerial Order that basically enshrined Inspiring Education, which really speaks to creating learner outcomes that will prepare our students for their future. Now he's also created a task force that will find new ways to support the teaching profession. All stakeholders are invited to participate in the consultation to make this happen. See legerweb.com/teachingexcellence
- 2 RVS Trustees have been acclaimed, myself and . The other wards will all have elections.