



Cooper's Crossing Student Council Minutes

November 16, 2022

Meeting started at 6:06 pm

Present:

Jennifer Cudmore

Dean

Kiran Dhaliwal

Alicia Cubillos

Diana Logan

Kara McCrae

Jonathan Klinger

Heather Cronyn Bolton

1) Welcome – Kiran Dhaliwal

2) Principal's Report – Diana Logan

-Remembrance Day Ceremony – Families were able to attend. Students were very respectful and well behaved.

-Christmas Concert information – This information will be sent home to parents this week. Grades 1 and 2 will perform December 13, 2022. Concert times - 1:30 pm and 6:00 pm. Grades 3 and 4 will perform December 15, 2022. Concert times – 1:30 pm and 6:00 pm. It is expected that parking will be problematic. Encourage as many families to walk as possible.

-Kindergarten and Grade 5 students will have a special holiday event of their own. Grade 5s are planning to do Christmas Caroling.

-Student Christmas Market is all set to go. One parent must accompany each student vendor.

-Diana Logan will ask Mr. Russ if he could be Santa for the Christmas Market. Check funding for Santa costume rental or purchase.

-13.7% of students were absent sick on Tuesday of this week. Had to inform AHS as per protocol. Protocol asks that AHS be informed if over 10% of students and staff are absent sick.

3) Trustee Report – Melyssa Bowen

- November 3, 2022 RVS Board meeting highlights:
- RVS is requesting 32 modulars to be funded by the Alberta government. The need for more space for students in RVS is urgent as enrolment continues to climb, adding 1,294 more students in RVS schools this year. The current overall utilization rate in RVS is 91 per cent - up four per cent from last year - and is expected to continue to rise to 101 per cent by 2026 if no new schools or modular units are approved by the provincial government.
- The division had no other option last year but to spend its own reserve funds to relocate 10 existing RVS modular classrooms after it was denied twice by Alberta Education – first for funding to add 18 new modulars and second to fund the relocation costs of 10 current RVS modulars as a necessary temporary step to address more critical space needs in some RVS schools.
- If approved, these modular units will help mitigate RVS' enrolment issue in the short term but will also increase the stress on core school buildings which will have more students than they were built to accommodate.
- There is an urgent need to advocate to the Alberta government Airdrie school space needs. RVS needs to know if the Alberta government will agree to fund modulars by February 2023. This helps the RVS planning department.
- Modulars are a band aid fix for capacity issues. It is not ideal to move modulars site to site. Last year RVS spent over 1 million dollars to move modulars around from site to site as needed. The Alberta government failed to fund any of this modular movement.
- Grade shifts at some schools may happen to offload the number of students that are attending overcapacity schools.
- RVS acquired a building in Cochrane. Building capacity is 332 students. This building is not situated in an ideal location and will require renovations. RVS needed to take this building as population growth in Cochrane, Airdrie, and Chestermere is very high. 2.8 million dollars from the RVS budget will be spent to upgrade this building.
- New school desperately needed in Airdrie for grades K-8. This is a top RVS priority.



ROCKY VIEW SCHOOLS

SPACE for STUDENTS

Airdrie Urgently Needs More Schools



Growing Population



Rising Enrolment



Need for Schools

2001 to 2021

256%*



In Comparison

Calgary
52%*

Lethbridge
47%*

Medicine Hat
24%*

Red Deer
48%*

St. Albert
28%*

*Source: Government of Alberta

by 2027

10,127

K – 8 students

9,945

K – 8 student spaces

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182

more students than spaces

by 2027

4,331

high school students

3,731

high school student spaces

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600

more students than spaces

300 – 450

new students each year, enough to fill one new school every two years

2014

last Airdrie high school opened

104%

current utilization rate of all Airdrie high schools

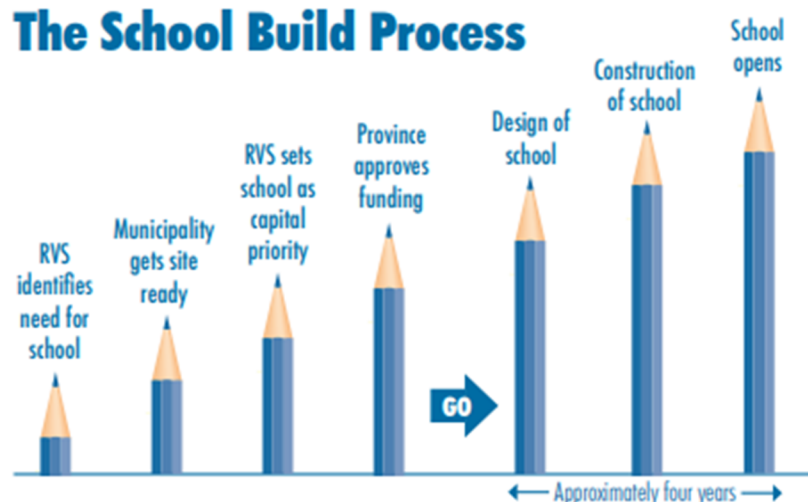


Top Capital Plan Priorities for Airdrie:

- Kindergarten – Grade 8 school
- High school

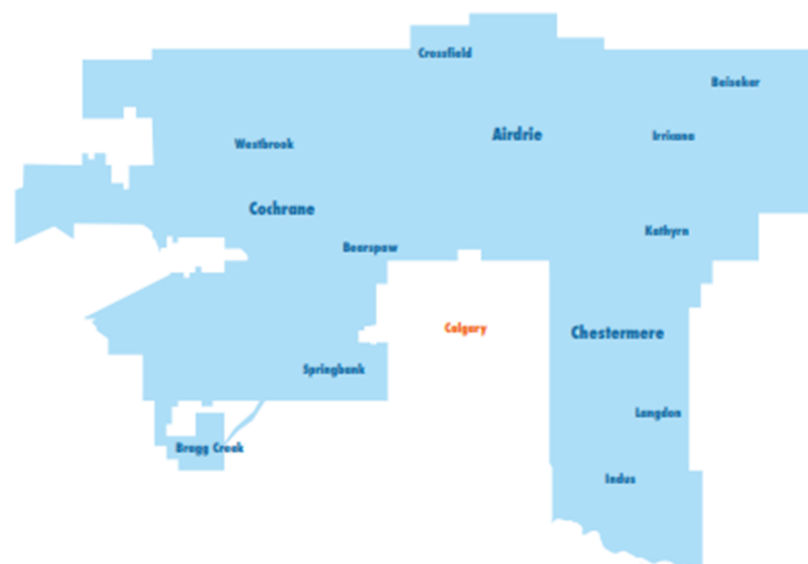
Once the provincial government approves a new school or an addition it takes about four years to plan and build. Pressure on our schools and students intensifies.

The School Build Process



Rocky View Schools Boundary Map

Our students come from a wide and diverse geographic area in rural and urban locations.



DID YOU KNOW?

RVS provides a positive, quality learning experience to 27,000+ students in pre-K-12.

Student enrolment in RVS increased by 91% from 2001 to 2021.

Unless new schools are approved, the overall utilization rate in RVS schools will exceed 100% by 2026/27.



#spaceforstudents

4) Joint School Council Meeting – Kiran Dhaliwal

-RVS administrators and chairs of school councils were invited to attend.

-10 years ago, parents from Airdrie advocated to members of Alberta legislature for a new high school.

-Council chairs are connecting to promote advocacy for capacity issues in Airdrie.

-CCS Council wants to get the capacity information out to parents and caregivers in our community. Growth outweighs capacity. CCS Council is planning to share info graphs to CCS Facebook page.

5) ASCE Grant - This grant provides funding to school authorities for each school to support school councils fulfilling their legislated responsibilities in the education system and enhancing parent involvement and engagement.

- All ASCE Grant funds must be spent in the year they are received, any unused funds must be returned to Alberta Education. School councils must report annually to the Board on how the grant was handled and used.

-CCS Council would like to pool the \$500 ASCE Grant with other school councils. This would allow CCS to participate in a larger event.

-Ideas for ASCE Grant use:

a) Dare to Care. Children and parent sessions. Addresses self confidence. Positive reinforcement.

b) Paul Davis. Cyber safety. Safer schools together. Diana Logan recently attended this program. Was very informative.

-Tabled ideas for ASCE Grant use until January 2023.

6) Christmas Market – Alicia Cubillos and Diana Logan

-The Market will be run under the CCS Council banner as RVS insurance will cover the event.

-Working on creating circular information for parents that will include Purdy's fundraiser, Gordon Foods fundraiser, and Bake Sale fundraiser.

7) Yearbook – Jonathan Klinger

-Jonathan Klinger and Tracey Canuel are taking over yearbook this year. The yearbook was previously organized by CCS Council.

-Folder has been set up in Sharepoint for teachers to add photos.

-Jonathan Klinger will meet with Lifetouch to ask what this company can offer.

-Sold 184 yearbooks last year. Ordered 190.

-Parents that have pictures of students around the school or on field trips can send the picture to their homeroom teacher. The teacher can add the photos to Sharepoint.

8) House Team Shirt Exchange and Purchase – Kiran Dhaliwal

-CCS was short on small and medium yellow shirts to exchange. 50 students returned their shirts for exchange. Due to sizing, 10 students did not receive a shirt in exchange.

-There has been 42 orders for new house team shirts.

-Jonathan Klinger - Ranchview school did house team shirts by grades. The shirts belonged to the school. This enabled the school to know that there were enough shirts for students.

-Consider changing CCS house team model. Consider whether it would be an option for all students to wear the same colour shirt for house teams. Consider logo Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Responsible. Also keep in mind the students love different house teams.

9) Council Bylaws Committee – Kiran Dhaliwal

-Need to change CCS page student council link. Currently when a user clicks on the student council link it goes to the ASCA instead of CCS council bylaws.

-When current CCS Council and Society chairs are finished their terms, would be beneficial to future chairs to have access to bylaws to guide them.

-Kiran Dhaliwal will create advertising to incent parents to become involved in Space for Students advocacy. Consider a handout at the Christmas concert.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm

Next meeting January 18, 2023 at 6:00pm

