



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

February 2024

STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

Policy development • Steve Wyer, Assistant Superintendent

Third reading – Policy 4400, Non-certified Teachers On-Call

Mr. Wyer reviewed the proposed amendments to policy 4400, non-certified teachers on-call. In order to provide a continuous, well-directed educational program for students, the Board of Education (Board) may elect to employ non-certified teachers teaching on call (TTOC) as per language in B22. 1 and 2 of the collective agreement between Rocky Mountain School District and the Rocky Mountain Teachers' Association. The proposed amendment would approve the hiring of the best available non-certified teachers-on-call in the absence of the regular classroom teacher or a certified teacher-on-call. Mr. Wyer shared feedback that was received on policy 4400, non-certified teachers on-call. Policy 4400 received third and final reading.

Second reading – NIL

First reading – Policy 7000, Transportation of students

Mr. Wyer discussed transportation assistance. The proposed amendment would see that transportation assistance rate tied to the collective agreement between the Rocky Mountain School District and Rocky Mountain Teachers' Association. The rate for transportation assistance will be 75% of the rate described in district practice 3800.

Feedback is being collected until February 22, 2024. Please visit the [Policies Under Review](#) webpage to provide your comments.

OPERATIONAL ISSUES

2023-24 Amended budget • Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

In accordance with section 113 of the *School Act*, the Minister is requiring amended annual budgets to be prepared, adopted by bylaw and submitted by February 29, 2024. The Finance and Audit Committee met on February 6, 2024 to review the amended annual budget. Mr. Rice presented the amended annual budget to the Board of Education at this meeting and responded to questions. All three readings of the Bylaw were approved.

REPORTS

Budget utilization report • Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

Mr. Rice presented the Board of Education a report on year-to-date operating expenditures compared to budget and prior year. Expenditures to date are below budget by 0.48% and greater than the prior year by \$1,971,000 for the same timeframe. The operating variance of actual to budget for year-to-date is considered reasonable.

Childcare facility update • Alan Rice, Secretary Treasurer

Since launching in July 2018, the Childcare BC New Spaces Fund has accelerated the creation of new licensed childcare, helping families who want or need to access affordable, quality childcare and strengthening communities across BC. To date, two projects have been approved in Rocky Mountain School District. Both projects are progressing on time, and on budget.

BC Adolescent Health Survey (BC AHS) results • Sharon Collin, Director of Instruction, Instruction and Learning

Rocky Mountain School District students participated in the 2023 BC Adolescent Health Survey in the spring of 2023. Results specific to the district were shared with district staff in early December. The provincial report from the survey will be released on February 21, 2024, with 16 regional reports to follow shortly after that. Several themes emerged including, mental health, relationships and connection, use of legal substances, and sexual health.

First nation school of choice • Trent Dolgopol, Director of Instruction, Technology and Innovative Learning

On November 7, 2023, the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia passed Bill No. 40, *School Amendment Act*. The legislation identifies new requirements for first nation schools of choice, model local education agreement, and Indigenous education councils. SD6 continues to monitor the documentation and resources provided by the Ministry of Education and Child Care and will implement changes once additional guidance has been received.

Rocky Mountain International Student Program amended budget • Danielle Warren, Director of International Education

The final 2023-24 FTE for International Education (RMISP) will be 132, a partial shortfall from the budgeted amount of 150. This has resulted in a projected deficit of 80K that will be covered by previous year's surpluses of the International Student Program. The Director of International Education will seek to continue to build the RMISP program with increased sustainability, quality, and transparency.