

# EAST LAKE SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA



**Date:** Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Time:** 6:00pm

**Executive Members Present:**

Janelle Savage, Chair  
Jen Collins, Vice Chair  
Shannon Duque, French Immersion Rep

**School Administration Present:**

Jordan Fenton, Principal  
Susan Noble, Assistant Principal  
Leslie Waite, Assistant Principal  
Shali Baziuk, RVS Trustee

**In-person Attendance (Learning Commons):**

Debbie G, Claudia, Brittany C, Kyla S, Stephen F, Robyn W

**Zoom Attendance (Zoom Meeting ID):**

N/A

- **Welcome and Call to Order**
  - 6:07pm
- **Approval of agenda and approval of November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Minutes**
  - Robyn W
- **Chair Report – Janelle Savage**
  - Council Executive Positions available: Secretary
  - School sign, budget, how much and where are funds, how do we move forward?  
(Still looking to find \$10K, Rainbow Creek wants to remove their sign, cost of maintenance)
  - *Vote passed to NOT proceed with school signage*
- **RVS Trustee Report – Shali Baziuk**

***New Langdon High School***

The new Langdon high school will be configured as grades 9-11 in 2024, then 9-12 the next year. Langdon School and Indus School will become Kindergarten – Grade 8 schools. Students from both of those schools will move on to the new high school in Langdon starting at Grade 9.

Sarah Thompson School will remain a Kindergarten – Grade 5 school. Sarah Thompson students will continue to be designated to Langdon School for Grades 6 – 8.

High school students living in Chestermere will continue to be designated to Chestermere High School (CHS) for Grades 10 – 12.

Current Grade 10 students who live in the new school's attendance area and currently attend CHS will need to apply as an out-of-area student to attend CHS for the 2024/25 school year (as Grade 11 students). RVS transportation would not be guaranteed.

To begin to understand how transportation efficiencies may be best achieved with the opening of the new high school, the Board directed the Superintendent to investigate opportunities to bus Chestermere students to and from Langdon area schools starting in September 2024 and report findings to the Board Planning Committee by the end of March 2024.

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### ***RVS Funding***

Although RVS educates 28,558 students in 2023/24, RVS' grants are based on 27,835 students due to the weighted moving average funding formula (WMA). This means there are approximately 720 students not included in the division's base instructional grants. On Nov. 28, additional funding for student enrolment growth was announced as a one-time grant. Divisions will receive \$1,500 per student for actual enrolment growth between zero and 100 students and growth exceeding 100 students will be funded at \$2,000 per student. For RVS, this means the updated supplemental enrolment growth grant formula should generate an additional \$1.2 million in revenue for RVS. These dollars are in addition to the \$737,000 of supplemental enrolment growth funding already anticipated for 2023/24. However, even with nearly \$2 million in supplemental enrolment growth grants in 2023/24, the WMA still results in RVS receiving \$3.3 million less than if every student was fully funded this school year.

### ***Request for Province to review diploma exams***

RVS proposed this resolution at the Alberta School Boards Association general meeting and the resolution passed, becoming an advocacy position statement for the ASBA to pursue.

WHEREAS the priority of Alberta's education system is the success of every student; WHEREAS Alberta school boards are responsible for providing assurance to their local stakeholders that students are successful; and WHEREAS Alberta's education system supports accountability, transparency, and continuous improvement; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the assembly adopt the position that the Ministry of Education review the practice of administering provincial high school diploma examinations to ensure the efficacy of this tool as an indicator of both system and student success. (FGM 2023)

This is not a request to eliminate diploma exams, at this time, instead it is a request for government to review how diploma exams are administered, what is being assessed, and examine evidence to support how well this tool serves to measure and to inform the public of student success.

Your input regarding the efficacy of diploma exams would be much appreciated. What is your opinion on standardized tests? How do your students feel about how the diploma exams are administered, the weighting of them, and if they are an indicator of success?

### ***New Schools and Modulars***

Currently there are no school sites ready in Chestermere. Once the financial audit of the city is complete, I will be reaching out to our Administrator with a request to meet to pursue the purchase of the balance of acres needed for the high school site. An account of all school site readiness will be requested as well.

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The province is expected to announce capital funding for schools in March. We are hopeful that in Chestermere we will receive design funding for any of our school sites since construction funding is only available for site ready locations.

As always, please reach out to me anytime.

Shali Baziuk

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- **School Admin Report** – Jordan Fenton (Principal)
  - Amanda Schultz will be starting here next month, coming from the middle school and will be a fantastic addition to the team
  - Thank you for all the wonderful years of service, and being flexible with all the changes with East Lake as we grow with the community, excited for next adventure in Langdon
  
- **New Business**
  - Chestermere High School will be putting on a musical
  - Do we want to send kids? Do we share in the cost of bussing?
  - Details and vote to come at following meeting
  
- **Next School Council Meeting**
  - No February meeting
  - Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 6:00pm
  
- **Up next, Friends of East Lake Society Meeting**
- **Adjourn**
  - 7:15pm