



**ROCKY  
MOUNTAIN**  
School District #6



## BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

January 2023

### STRATEGIC AND POLICY ISSUES

#### **Policy development • Karen Shipka**

Second reading – Policy 2800, Fraud and whistleblower protection

Ms. Shipka informed the Board that whistleblower protection currently exists but there is a new requirement to include statements regarding fraud in the policy.

Second reading – Policy 8800, French programming

Last spring, the Board received correspondence regarding the sibling policy that currently exists in the policy. The proposed amendment would remove this preferential treatment for siblings. All students applying to the program would be included in the lottery program. Feedback was received by a principal supporting the change.

Policy 8700, Fees for educational programs was repealed because it was a duplication of policy and district practice 3400.

### REPORTS

#### **Budget utilization report • Alan Rice**

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 but are greater than the prior year for the same time-period, which is mainly due to an increase in salaries and benefits, TTOC replacement costs, District Day, Pro D, and travel. Mr. Rice responded to questions.

# REPORTS CONT'D

## **District principals and vice principals • Steve Wyer**

Mr. Wyer provided the Board of Education an update on the initiatives of the district principals and vice principals. The main operational strategies presented included: anti-racism strategy; reporting policy and district initiatives committee; grade 4-7 numeracy leaders; book clubs; grade 8 and 9 numeracy assessment; school based team growth; early learning framework and play today; fall literacy assessment, analysis and strategy; performance-based literacy assessment; phonological awareness; and learning services. The district principals and vice principals are very busy, however, they find time to collaborate and overlap their projects. None of them operates in isolation and the team has built strong working relationships.

## **Rocky Mountain International School enrollment • Danielle Warren**

Ms. Warren provided the Board of Education an update on RMISP enrollment. She noted that a shortfall between projected FTE for 2022-23 for the RMISP program, and the current FTE for 2022-23 which is leading to a variance of 17 FTE between the projected and actual FTE. The program is estimating to break-even for 2022-23 as well as providing the District with approximately \$208,000 for the annual cost recovery of the program.