

Canadian Rockies Public Schools

Highlights From April 21, 2021 Public School Board Meeting

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School Council Meeting Dates

Alpenglow—May 4
ERS—May 12
BCHS—May 17
CCHS—May 18
BES—May 19
LGMS—May 20
Exshaw—TBD

Next Public School Board Meeting

May 26, 2021
7:00 p.m.

This meeting will be held via Google Meet and closed for in-person public attendance. The meeting will be recorded with a copy of the recording posted on the CRPS website.

The April 21st CRPS Public School Board meeting was closed for in-person public attendance to help prevent the community spread of the COVID-19 virus. The meeting was available to the public through a Google Meet link. The meeting was recorded and the recording is posted on the division website.

New DRAFT Curriculum

After careful consultation, the Board of Trustees and Senior Administration have decided not to volunteer to pilot the Alberta government's K-6 draft curriculum. Given the reality that the pandemic will likely continue into the summer and possibly continue to impact school next year, we feel it is in the best interests of our staff and students to opt out of this process. While we know it is important to have our contributions heard, which is normally achieved through a piloting process, we do not want to introduce any additional pressures onto our students and professional staff next year.

We encourage all stakeholders to provide feedback to the government to help ensure that the curriculum meets the current and future needs of students. Feedback to Alberta Education on the draft curriculum can be provided through their website.

Staff Wellness

Canadian Rockies continues to support our staff during this difficult time of the pandemic. The division has allocated \$500.00 to each school to be used to support and promote wellness for teaching and CUPE staff. These funds will be used to engage staff in an afternoon of personal wellness programming. Our Local ATA has matched this amount, resulting in a total of \$1000 for each school.

Paid Parking

As our communities move towards paid parking for visitors to the downtown cores, Canadian Rockies will be partnering with the Town of Banff and the Town of Canmore to provide additional parking facilities. The parking lot at Banff Community High School will be used by Pursuit Hotels for guest parking on busy weekends and over the summer and winter breaks. The lot will be gated and codes will be provided for their guests.

Currently we are still reviewing options for the Lawrence Grassi Middle School parking lot in Canmore.

BES LEED Gold

CRPS is proud to announce that Banff Elementary School has achieved LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) **Gold** Rating. LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification system, providing third-party verification that a building or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at improving performance across all the metrics that matter most: energy savings, water efficiency, CO2 emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality, and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts.

The Board of Trustees wishes to thank all those whose hard work made this possible.

International Student Program—Homestay Opportunity

CRPS continues to look for families who are interested in sharing their home with an international student. This is an amazing opportunity for the students as well as a very rewarding experience for families. Families receive remuneration for hosting as well as the amazing benefits of cultural learning and sharing that comes from hosting students from around the world.

If you are interested in obtaining more information regarding hosting a student for 2021-2022, please email our host family coordinator Martine Grenon Lafontaine at martine.grenon@crps.ca

We also encourage and thank you for spreading the word about the CRPS Homestay Program in the Bow Valley. Successful referrals will be rewarded generously as a token of appreciation.



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