

Highlights From April 20, 2022 Public School Board Meeting

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School Council Meeting Dates

Alpenglow—May 3
BCHS—May 9
LGMS—May 12
CCHS—May 17
BES—May 18
ERS—May 18
Exshaw—TBD

Next Public School Board Meeting

May 25, 2022
7:00 p.m.
BES

Public School Board meetings will return to face-to-face. The public will have the option of attending in-person or via Google Meet. The May meeting will be held at the Banff Elementary School

The April 20th CRPS Public School Board meeting was held in a hybrid format. Participants are invited to attend face-to-face or via google meet. The meeting was recorded and the recording is posted on the division website. The Board of Trustees is excited to welcome the community to these hybrid meetings—a great opportunity to stay informed on what is happening in your child’s school today and to help shape it’s future.

Spotlight on Learning—Engaging Grade 8’s in Deep Learning

Lawrence Grassi Middle School teacher, Máté Mackenzie presented Engaging Grade 8’s in Deep Learning at the April 20th Public School Board Meeting.

Mr. Mackenzie provided the Board with a lively, interactive and informative session on ways he and other LGMS teachers are engaging their students in deep learning. Mr. Mackenzie demonstrated elements of Student Engagement Through Game-Based Learning, Gamifications versus Game-Based Learning, and 7 Principles of Game-Based Learning.

Through these elements, Mr. Mackenzie focused on the following: Everyone is a Participant, Failure is Reframed as Iteration, Everything is Interconnected, Learning Happens by Doing, Feedback is Ongoing and Constant, and Challenge is Constant. This was a wonderful presentation to see how teachers are engaging their students to learn through play.

High School Future’s Planning

CRPS and The Board of Trustees were excited to hold their first Community Engagement Network (CEN) meeting on May 4th seeking input regarding future innovative programming to strengthen academics and use of Career and Technology Studies (CTS) spaces offered within BCHS and CCHS. Presently, CRPS is

reviewing how to further enhance our educational approach through STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics), but are aware many other opportunities exist. Senior administration, staff and community representatives have begun preliminary discussions about what this might look like, keeping in mind, “What do our students need for the future?” The purpose of this collaborative session was to gather ideas for how best to revitalize these spaces to address the future learning needs of our students.

ID9 (Improvement District No. 9) Funding

The Board of Trustees and Canadian Rockies Public Schools would like to express our sincere appreciation to ID9 for the recent donation supporting the Banff Elementary School Nature Explorers Program, the Canadian Rockies Outdoor Learning Centre, and CRPS high school sports teams transportation. With the help of generous donations such as these, we are excited to continue to provide valuable co-curricular, extracurricular and outdoor learning opportunities for the youth of Canadian Rockies Public Schools.

Employment Opportunities

With increasing costs in the valley, we have had a number of resignations in our school division.

CRPS is in particular need of bus drivers - both on a casual basis and driving regular routes. Interested candidates are invited to send a resume to hr@crps.ca. Training is provided!



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