

PRESS RELEASE

High School Future's Planning—June 2022

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Teaching Students for the Future Welcoming New Staff & High School Courses!



Canadian Rockies Public Schools' vision *to create a better world through transformational education that celebrates nature, diversity and well-being* is at the heart of everything we do.

To better understand what our stakeholders view as innovative and future-oriented programming, which could potentially be offered at Canmore Collegiate High School and Banff Community High School, CRPS held a Community Education Network (CEN) session to hear firsthand from our students, parents, staff and community members.

The May 4, 2022 CEN collaborative session focused on how to further strengthen innovative programming and continue to develop academic courses offered within Banff Community High School (BCHS) and Canmore Collegiate High School (CCHS). Each person in attendance was provided with the opportunity to respond to the two following prompts:

- ◆ What programs could potentially be implemented within a year to support the Board's vision that celebrates nature, diversity and well-being?
- ◆ What are some future program offerings that would support the Board's vision and create a truly aspirational school division for students?

As a result, we are thrilled to share with you the **initial** plans that have been put in place. Beginning August 2022, CRPS welcomes two additional teachers to support the expansion of course offerings with our present staff at BCHS and CCHS. As a first step, several courses and programs offered will focus on **Environmental Stewardship and furthering student learning in the areas of STEAM and STEM**. These course offerings will provide students with learning experiences that will enhance their skills and understanding to support future careers and undertakings.

CRPS extends sincere gratitude to its stakeholders for their invaluable contributions during the collaborative session supporting students' education.

Staff Announcements

Canadian Rockies Public Schools is pleased to announce the following Future's Planning teacher appointments:



Spencer Kenney

Mr. Kenney comes to us from the Halifax Regional Centre for Education. He holds a B. Eng in Mechanical Engineering, a Bachelor of Secondary Education, and Master of Education in Curriculum Studies. **Through his ten-year career in education, Mr. Kenney has developed curriculum for a wide variety of STEAM courses (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics).** Mr. Kenney has combined his interest in the STEM fields, particularly engineering design and computer programming, with his love for teaching, and enjoys a fulfilling career educating tomorrow's leaders and innovators.

A devoted father and husband, you can find him enjoying outdoor adventure, fitness, and learning with his wife Mandy and two children, Isaac and Levi.



Josh Ouellet

Mr. Ouellet joins CRPS with a diverse array of experiences and interests. **He has spent most of his teaching career developing and enriching scientific, mathematical, coding and outdoor educational activities for gifted students.** His rich background reflects his passion for STEM/STEAM and education where he holds a M.Sc. in geoscience (thesis based on tectonics and stratigraphy), Hon. B.Sc. Environmental Science (alpine/glacial hydrology/hydrogeology and isotope thesis) and B.Ed. (science specialization).

Prior to returning to complete his education degree, Mr. Ouellet worked in a variety of contexts, applying STEM/STEAM in convoluted challenges of the natural world. His experience allowed him to explore various disciplines including: geology, geophysics, petrophysics, hydrogeology, numerical modeling and geochemistry for multinational energy companies and engineering/environmental consulting firms.

Mr. Ouellet is excited to join the progressive team and school community at CRPS; and help contribute to the shared 21st century vision for developing educational offerings and preparing students for "what's next?"

Please join us in welcoming CRPS' new teaching staff. We are thrilled to further inspire the hearts and minds of youth with Future's Planning curriculum at CRPS! Visit the [crps website](http://www.crps.ab.ca) for more information.