



THE BRIEF

Canadian Rockies Public Schools' Board Meeting Digest
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Instructional Excellence

Suspended since March 2020 when the world health organization declared a global pandemic, CRPS' Nurturing Excellence in Instructional Leadership (NEIL) initiative will come into greater focus this winter! Understanding that the most important variable affecting student achievement is the quality of teaching, and the second is the degree to which a principal works with their teachers, CRPS' leadership team will re-engage its teaching staff in professional conversations to strengthen instructional practices in the classroom and build leadership capacity. Through NEIL inquiry rounds, principals and teachers will work together to identify areas of growth, engage in classroom observations, and debrief about teaching and leadership practices to nurture excellence in instructional leadership. Look to CRPS' YouTube [NEIL playlist](#) to learn of the initiative's impact on student learning. ■

2021/22 Annual Education Results Report Celebrates Student Success

How many students complete their studies within three years of entering

high school in Canadian Rockies Public Schools (CRPS)? Based on the latest statistics provided by Alberta Education, over 88 percent! Open the lens a little wider to consider the percentage of students completing high school within five years, CRPS' gladly reports over 90 percent.

As part of Alberta Education's continuous improvement cycle, CRPS assesses its success in advancing its Four Year Education Plan. Rolled up into an Annual Education Results Report (AERR), this year's performance summary reveals the division continues to be on an upward trajectory in terms of student achievement, stakeholder satisfaction, and quality programming.

In addition to surpassing Alberta Education three year (83%) and five-year (87%) high school completion rates, CRPS high school students continued to excel in the percentage achieving the acceptable standard and standard of excellence in diploma exams. In both areas, CRPS' results were significantly above provincial results, with students outperforming their provincial counterparts on seven out of nine exams at the acceptable

CRPS' Board of Trustees (left to right): Dale Craig, Brian Callaghan, Carol Picard, Arlene Rheume, Luke Sunderland

level and seven out of nine at the standard of excellence level.

In the area of literacy and numeracy, 80 percent of Gr. 4 to 6 students cited extra help was available in math, and 75 percent said they are receiving extra help with reading and writing - good news given the learning loss brought on by the pandemic beginning 2020.

Over the past four years, overall stakeholder satisfaction with the quality of education has been on an upward trend, with 85 percent of students, parents, and staff expressing satisfaction in 2021/22. The majority of teaching staff (81%) also agreed that they have access to professional learning resources to support positive mental health through CRPS.

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The division's effort to grow its slate of experiential programs saw over 118 learning programs offered by CRPS from September to June - up from 83 the previous year.

To learn more, access the [2021/22 AERR](#) via the division's public website! ■

Kindergarten Open Houses

Announced at the January board meeting, CRPS schools are excited to offer in-person opportunities

for families to learn more about Kindergarten. Circle these open house dates on your calendar:

- Alpenglow School - February 9 at 7 p.m.
- Banff Elementary School - March 2 at 3:30 p.m.
- Elizabeth Rummel School - March 1 at 6:30 p.m.
- Exshaw School - March 9 at 6:30 p.m.

In cooperation with the Town of

Canmore and the Town of Banff, CRPS also is excited to help host "Getting Ready For Kindergarten" in April and May 2023. The program supports a smooth transition to kindergarten, school readiness, and mitigates any anxiety to start school - for children and their parents! The four-week program will be offered in both municipalities, with classroom space and teachers provided by CRPS. Stay tuned for dates and locations to be announced via the division's website and school newsletters! ■

CRPS Tidbits

Important Calendar Dates

February School Board Meeting -

The Board of Trustees' next regular meeting is set for February 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Central Board Office in Canmore.

Council of Councils Meeting -

Parents are welcome to join the Board of Trustee April 27 at Banff

Elementary School for CRPS' Council of Council Meeting!

School Council Meeting Dates -

Alpenglow - Feb. 7
Banff Elementary - Feb. 15
Banff Community - Feb. 20
Canmore Collegiate - Feb. 21
Elizabeth Rummel School - Feb. 16
Lawrence Grassi Middle School - Feb. 7

We're Hiring!

[Occupational Therapist](#)
[Mental Health Professional](#)
[Summer CALM Educator](#)
[Substitute Teachers](#)
[Facility Monitors](#)
[Part-Time Housekeeper](#)
[School Bus Drivers](#)
[Substitute Educational Assistants](#)
[Relief Custodial](#)

Host an International Student this September

Say "yes" to hosting an international student this fall! CRPS' International Student Program is looking for host families who can provide accommodations for five or ten months beginning September 2023! Host families will commit to providing a private bedroom, three meals a day, and inclusion in family and community activities. Remuneration is provided. Learn more by visiting CRPS' [International Student web folder!](#)



What A Photo!

We're sure you'll agree! Wearing blue plaid shirts donated by Lake Louise Ski Resort in January 2023, CRPS' Central Board Office staff takes a stunning photo in front of Mount Lawrence Grassi! They also make a great team!

"Inspiring Heats and Minds" - CRPS' Board of Trustees

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