



# THE BRIEF

Canadian Rockies Public Schools' Board Meeting Digest  
April 19, 2023

## CRPS Four-Year Education Plan - Year 3 Approved

Canadian Rockies Public Schools' (CRPS) 2021-2025 Four-Year Education Plan – Year 3 was approved by the Board of Trustees, April 19, 2023. Revised based on the performance results identified in its 2021/22 Annual Education Results Report and the direction gathered through various consultation activities undertaken since September 2023, the Education Plan continues to focus on the priorities of health and wellness, engaged learning, and student supports. New to the plan this year are implementation priorities, which include initiatives such as expanding Collaborative Problem Solving across the division, ensuring students have an advocate at school and continuing to promote and support the involvement of parents in decision-making for their children's education. The plan will be submitted to the province before May 30. ■

## Approved of 2023/24 Budget Brings Good News to Families

Driven by the division's new Four-Year Education Plan, CRPS' 2023/24 budget was unanimously supported by the

Board of Trustees, April 19, assuring good news for all staff and students! Targeting the board's strategic priorities of health and wellness, engaged learning, and student supports, the approved budget will see CRPS' class sizes decrease due to the addition of 17.8 Full-Time Equivalent teachers. Come September 2023, CRPS' class sizes will be: 19 students in Kindergarten to Gr. 6, 21 students in Gr. 7 to 9, and 20 students in Gr. 10 to 12.

Through the infusion of new provincial monies, the generous financial support of the Wim and Nancy Pauw Foundation, CRPS' new Educational Service Agreement, and monies generated through the International Student Program, the budget also outlines a full complement of wrap-around supports, health and social-emotional supports, and new programs like culinary studies and fashion design.

Based on the wishes of the Board of Trustees to see families benefit from the government's six percent increase in base funding, CRPS also removed the cost of lunchroom supervision fees, which range from \$93 to \$166.

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

Families will see this reduced fee beginning September 2023. With total revenues of \$35,926,069 million and expenditures of \$35,896,256 million, the budget directs 68 percent towards instruction for Kindergarten to Gr. 12 students, 14 percent to operations and maintenance, 4 percent to student transportation, and 6 percent to governance and administration. Lots to celebrate! ■

## LGMS Celebration of Learning

Lawrence Grassi Middle School (LGMS) will host a Celebration of Learning event on April 20, 2023, from 6 p.m. until 7 p.m. for families of current and future LGMS students to experience a day in the life of a student! Throughout the evening, families will be encouraged to take a self-guided tour of the school



using the “Open House Highlights” brochure. During the tour, they’ll experience a glimpse into LGMS’ music program, check out some 3D prints in its Maker Space classroom, or learn more about the school’s Outdoor Learning Centre, Construction, and Food Services programming. In addition, two

separate parent information sessions are planned. Families are asked to attend the session for the grade in which their child will be entering in August 2023.

- ◆ 6 - 6:30 p.m. – Families with students in Grades 4, 5, or 6 in the Gym

- ◆ 6:30 - 7 p.m. – Families with students in Grade 7 or 8 in Room 106

As a community event, parents are encouraged to bring along other family members or friends interested in celebrating student learning! ■

## CRPS Tidbits

### Important Calendar Dates

**May School Board Meeting** - The Board of Trustees’ next regular meeting is set for May 24, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Banff Elementary School.

**School Council Meeting Dates** - School Council meeting dates for the month of April are:  
Alpenglow - May 2  
Banff Elementary - May 17  
Banff Community - May 15  
Canmore Collegiate - May 16  
Elizabeth Rummel School - May 16  
Lawrence Grassi Middle School - May 2

### Connecting CRPS Students with Bow Valley Employers

Canmore Collegiate and Banff Community High Schools are gearing up for a Student Hiring Fair, May 25, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Canmore Collegiate High School Gymnasium! Local businesses and organizations have been invited to meet and have face-to-face discussions with 730+ Grade 9 to 12 students – the Bow Valley’s newest employees. Many students are interested in ongoing part-time employment, Registered

Apprenticeship opportunities, and work experience throughout the summer and school year. Contact [Hans Holthuis](#) if you have questions!

### Homestay Families Wanted!

The International Student Program is actively recruiting new homestay families for the 2023/24 school year. Host families will commit to providing a private bedroom, three meals a day, and inclusion in family and community activities. Remuneration for the 2023/24 school year has increased to \$1300/month. Placements are available from September-January (5 months) or September-June (10 months). Together we can help make students’ dreams come true - spread the word. To learn more see CRPS’ [International Student web folder](#)!

### Asset Management in High Speed

Have you noticed the number of facility enhancements and upgrades taking place across CRPS? At Canmore Collegiate High School alone, projects already underway or being planned include a theatre and kitchen upgrade, washroom retrofit, aquaponic pond installation, and upgrades to the

school’s Alpenglow, cosmetology, and mechanics classroom. At Banff Community High School, a culinary kitchen is being planned, as well as upgrades to the home economic room for fashion design. Several preventative maintenance projects too are underway, including floor refinishing, heating, painting, and new sound and key lock systems. Advancing CRPS’ desire to decrease its carbon emissions, solar panels will be installed in the division’s central board office, making it the sixth of eight facilities to reduce energy costs and cut greenhouse gases in CRPS. Great asset management for students of today and tomorrow!

### We’re Hiring!

[Cosmetology Teacher \(2023/24\)](#)  
[Teacher, Alpenglow \(2023/24\)](#)  
[Teachers, Division II and III \(2023/24\)](#)  
[Secretary-Treasurer](#)  
[Learning Support Teacher \(2023/24\)](#)  
[Assistant Maintenance Supervisor](#)  
[Outdoor Learning Program](#)  
[Instructor](#)  
[Summer Success Coach \(RFTS\)](#)

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