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RE: Leadership Announcements

Canadian Rockies Public Schools' (CRPS) Superintendent of Schools Christopher MacPhee is pleased to announce the following leadership appointments, effective August 2024.



Annabel Preece – Principal Canmore Collegiate High School

Annabel Preece will take the helm of Canmore Collegiate High School and Alpenglow School as Principal this fall.

“As an instructional leader, Annabel has nurtured a community passionate about working together to ensure all learners realize their full potential,” said MacPhee. “With her extensive experience in fostering inclusive learning environments for diverse student populations, coupled with her expertise in enhancing literacy and numeracy skills, we are confident that she will thrive in her new role.”

Annabel arrived in CRPS in 2019 as a Learning Support Teacher and Success Teacher. In 2022, she moved into her current role as Assistant Principal and has helped to build a strong foundation of safety, positive mental health, and engaged learning at both senior and elementary levels. She also has been instrumental in fostering strong relationships with Indigenous communities, improving confidence, retention, and graduation rates among Indigenous students. Annabel is known for nurturing both teacher and student growth through continuous feedback, targeted professional learning, and a strong focus on curriculum and assessment alignment. Prior to her arrival in CRPS, Annabel worked as a teacher in various roles with Edmonton Public Schools.

Annabel holds a Master and Bachelor of Education, both from the University of Alberta and Teaching English Language Learners certificate. A memorable moment in 2008 was being named an Alberta Excellence in Teaching Award winner.



Dr. Hans Holthuis - District Principal

Currently serving as Assistant Principal of Canmore Collegiate High School (CCHS) and Alpenglow School, Dr. Hans Holthuis will assume the role of District Principal in August. He will lead the expansion of CRPS' experiential learning activities at the high school level, as well as oversee career development and distance education opportunities division-wide. Additionally, he will manage data-driven analysis of student performance and research across the division.

“Presently in the role of Assistant Principal for CCHS and Alpenglow School, Han's focus on building a culture of transparency, collaboration, and commitment to student engagement will serve the school well,” said MacPhee. “His diverse background as a registered psychologist, and school administrator, counsellor, and secondary teacher will be invaluable in his new role. I extend my congratulations to Hans and wish him every success.”

In his role as Assistant Principal since 2015, Hans has enhanced academic performance by redefining core programming, notably improving students' provincial assessment scores at the secondary level. More recently, Hans has helped lead the integration of outcomes-based assessment strategies and expanded career and experiential learning opportunities, significantly contributing to the academic and social development of students.

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Hans holds a Doctor of Education specializing in Curriculum and Learning from the University of Calgary and a Master of Education in Counselling Psychology from McGill University. He also earned a Bachelor of Education and two Bachelor of Science degrees from the University of Calgary. Hans is a dedicated lifelong learner, and his visionary approach, focused on results, trust, and credibility, emphasizes a 'we' rather than 'me' mindset—essential for transformative leadership.

“On behalf of the Board, I extend our congratulations to both Hans and Annabel on their new appointments,” said Board Chair Arlene Rheume. “We also wish Chris Rogers nothing but the best in his retirement.”

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