



Canadian Rockies Public Schools' Board Meeting Digest August 28, 2024

New Rules on Use of Personal Mobile Devices

At the Board of Trustees' August 28 meeting, Trustees learned of three Administrative Procedures (AP) that were updated to align with Alberta Education's Ministerial Order, "Standards for the Use of Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools." Slight changes were made to AP 140 Technology Acceptable Use, AP 145 Use of Personal Mobile Devices, and AP 146 Use of Social Media. Effective Aug. 26, 2024, all students must silence or power off their devices during instructional time and keep them out of sight. This applies to Kindergarten to Gr. 8 students throughout the school day and to Gr. 9 to 12 students during class and spare periods, with allowances before school, at lunch, and after school. Exceptions exist for health needs, specialized learning support, or teacher-approved activities. Additionally, social media access on CRPS networks is now blocked to minimize distractions. These changes aim to foster a more focused learning environment, with each school tailoring specific rules to fit their unique settings under the updated administrative procedures. ■

Summer CALM Thrives with Strong Participation

Canadian Rockies Public Schools (CRPS) celebrated a successful run of its Summer CALM programs this year, offering nine weeks of dynamic learning opportunities. With 11 separate sessions, the program saw an impressive 430 students from across Alberta complete the course, guided by a dedicated team of 20 teachers and two assistants. Each week, three teachers and an assistant worked collaboratively to create an engaging and supportive learning environment. The summer program combined classroom learning with outdoor experiences, enriching students' understanding of career and life management, while promoting leadership skills. This hands-on approach, supported by enthusiastic educators, not only kept students engaged during the summer break but also ensured they were equipped with essential skills for their educational journey ahead. ■

International Students Begin Their CRPS Journey

CRPS is delighted to welcome 44 international students from 16

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

countries who arrived this past weekend, marking the start of an enriching experience in the Bow Valley. The Outdoor Learning Centre team organized a memorable welcome day at Sunshine Meadows, where students participated in team-building activities and explored the breathtaking alpine scenery. While hopes were high for a bear sighting, the day unfolded without a furry encounter, leaving more to anticipate in their Canadian adventure. This year, CRPS' International Program will host a total of 53 students, with 23 students staying for five months and 30 immersing themselves all year. ■

CRPS' Education Goals Align with Provincial Standards

CRPS has successfully met Alberta Education's reporting requirements for its Four Year Education Plan

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(2021-2025, Year 4). In a recent review with Alberta Education's Zone Director, CRPS demonstrated its compliance with all the criteria for school authority planning and results reporting. This accomplishment reflects CRPS' commitment to strategic planning and transparency,

ensuring educational goals are aligned with provincial standards. The approval signals a strong foundation as CRPS enters the final year of its current plan, setting the stage for continued focus on student achievement, community engagement, and educational

innovation. As CRPS prepares to develop its next Four Year Education Plan, this positive review reinforces the division's dedication to fostering a responsive and forward-thinking educational environment for all students in the Bow Valley. ■



CRPS Tidbits

Important Calendar Dates:

Next Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees' next regular meeting is set for Sept. 24, 2024, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Central Board Office in Canmore.

School Open Houses

CRPS is pleased to announce that its schools will be hosting open houses to welcome families to the new school year. These events are designed to foster connections between schools and families, providing insights into the educational environments and allowing parents to meet staff members. Below are the details for each school's parent open house:

Alpenglow School

Date: Sept. 12, 2024

Time: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Highlight: Students will guide their parents through their daily classroom experiences, showcasing their learning spaces and introducing their teachers.

Banff Elementary School (BES)

Date: Sept. 12, 2024

Time: 3:15 - 4:30 p.m.

Highlight: The event will feature a 'Take Five' break with light snacks and refreshments, courtesy of Right From the Start.

Banff Community High School (BCHS)

Date: December 2024

Time: TBA

Highlight: All teachers will be at the school with all spaces open and will be combined with CCHS Parent Information Night.

Canmore Collegiate High School (CCHS)

Date: Sept. 5, 2024

Time: 5 - 7 p.m.

Highlight: The event will be tied to a festive fundraising craft fair, which will feature CTS and Fine Arts students' work for sale.

Elizabeth Rummel School (ERS)

Date: Sept. 11, 2024

Time: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Highlight: The open house offers new families the opportunity to tour the facility and engage with the staff, fostering a strong community connection.

Exshaw School

Date: Sept. 12, 2024

Time: 5 - 7 p.m.

Highlight: The Welcome Back BBQ provides a relaxed environment for families to meet teachers and learn about key information for the upcoming school year.

Lawrence Grassi Middle School

Date: Sept. 12, 2024

Time: 6 - 7 p.m.

Highlight: Parents and families can explore the school through a self-guided tour, gaining insight into the school's programs and activities.

BCHS Annual Hike Day

BCHS is gearing up for its annual Hike Day on Sept. 10, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This cherished tradition unites students, families, and the community for a day of exploration in the stunning Banff National Park. Participants will traverse scenic trails such as Larch Valley, Healy Pass, and Plain of Six Glaciers. This event offers a unique opportunity for students to bond with new classmates and peers in their school.

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