

Board Highlights

Canadian Rockies Public Schools

Highlights From

April 29, 2020 Public School Board Meeting

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Next Public School Board Meeting

May 27, 2020

This meeting will be held via Google Meet and closed for in-person public attendance. The meeting will be recorded with a copy of the recording posted on the CRPS website.

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The April 29, 2020 CRPS Public School Board Meeting was closed for in-person public attendance to help prevent the community spread of the COVID-19 virus. The meeting was available to the public through a Google Meet link. The meeting was recorded and the [recording](#) is posted on the division website.

Education Plans—Re School Closure and COVID-19

Teachers and students continue to work diligently on completing the school year away from the classroom. Teachers are reporting that students are working hard to complete the required work and are largely engaged in the process. Families are reminded that the teachers and counselors are available if their students are having challenges with the distance learning or the social isolation. We encourage you to reach out and contact the school for information / assistance. The provincial government has confirmed that our students will not return to the classroom for the remainder of this year and we await further details on the re-entry to school in the fall.

CRPS has established programming for all it's students and will work with students and parents to ensure that the learning outcomes for the program of studies are met.

BES French/English Kindergarten

The half English / half French Immersion Kindergarten Program which has been in place at Banff Elementary School on a temporary basis for the last few years will end after the 2020-2021 school year. The funding for this program, which has been provided by the ID9, will be coming to an end. The division would like to thank ID9 for all their support.

CRPS Website—COVID –19 Updates for Families and Staff of CRPS

The board would like to remind parents to visit the CRPS website for information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and any updates from the division affecting our students, staff and community. For members of our school community who may be experiencing stress or anxiety school counselors are available and we encourage you to connect with them.

The website also provides updates for online learning and summer school programs which may be of interest to many families. Check it out.

Provincial Grant Application

The provincial government has invited school boards to submit applications for new grant money that will be available for building maintenance and upgrades. This initiative will provide work for Albertans while the schools are largely unoccupied and improve the overall maintenance and efficiency of our buildings.

Prior to this announcement, CRPS had been working on a long-term strategic plan with respect to maintenance and upgrades to our schools in conjunction with Johnson Controls. When the grant opportunity was announced, the division only had a few days to submit their application. As this detailed analysis had already begun, CRPS was able to submit a request for 2.5 million dollars to cover items such as lighting retrofitting and boiler and HVAC upgrades.



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Adjusted 2019-2020 Learning Calendar - Spring Break and Year End

Please note that there has been a change to the dates of the [Spring Break](#). This change was made to provide for better "continuity of learning" for our students. After extensive consultation with our families and staff, the Board of Trustees has approved the following:

- Spring Break will now be April 10th – April 17th, 2020 (includes Good Friday)
- The school year will end for students at 12:00 pm on June 22nd, 2020.
- There will be no school for students June 23rd to 26th, 2020

COVID-19 Updates for Families and Staff of CRPS

The Board of Trustees would like to remind parents to visit the [division website](#) for information regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and any updates from the division affecting our students, staff and community.

For members of our school community who may be experiencing stress or anxiety, school counselors are available and we encourage you to connect with them.

In addition there is a list of [resources](#) on the CRPS district website that our counsellors have pulled together that you may find helpful.

Provincial Budget 2020-2021

Although the Board of Trustees and CRPS senior administration have not completed a full review of the impact of the most recent provincial budget, the initial thoughts are that we are very pleased with the 2020-21 education budget and the changes that have been made to the funding framework.

For many years, we have been asking successive governments to review the funding formula as it significantly disadvantaged small rural school divisions like ours. The 2020-21 school year budget finally recognizes those long-standing challenges.

It has also removed the constraints previously held within each of the different grant lines which provided individual school districts with the ability to direct monetary resources to the areas where they are most needed. These changes allow local autonomy to our board and administration to direct those funds according to the ever-changing needs we experience in a small rural school division.



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