

Board Highlights

Canadian Rockies Public Schools

Highlights From

June 24, 2020 Public School Board Meeting

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Next Public School Board Meeting

**August 13, 2020
5:00 p.m.**

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.

"This is a time to focus on — and be grateful for — your family's safety, health, and well-being. Make building strong family relationships a priority. Reach out to neighbors, friends, and others in your community to check in, offer support, and connect virtually. We will get through this together."

The June 24, 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.

Alberta Government Re-Entry Plan

Following the guidance set out by the Alberta Government, Canadian Rockies Public Schools has been working on plans for the re-entry of students to our schools for the 2020-2021 school year. The Minister of Education has proposed 3 scenarios for boards to work towards with the most recent comments suggesting that the preferred is option #1. The 3 options are as follows:

- 1) In-school classes resume (near normal with health measures restrictions);
- 2) In-school classes partially resume (with additional health restrictions);
- 3) At home learning continues (in-school classes are suspended/cancelled).

Each of these options comes with significant restrictions and guidelines for the health and safety of our students and staff and their families.

Dr. Hinshaw indicated on June 12th that schools cannot ensure 100% safety for all students and staff but that we must work to minimize transmission, contain the spread of COVID-19 and protect those at highest risk. This will require that schools put in place practices that protect against exposure, having a plan to deal with symptomatic individuals and having a comprehensive hygiene plan in place. The government is planning to announce their decision, on which course of action the province will take, at the beginning of August. In the meantime, administration is working with the information

provided to procure supplies for personal protection as well as cleaning/sanitizing of schools and reviewing class cohorts and movement of students throughout the school to meet the provincial guidelines.

Central Board Office Summer Hours

The Board of Trustees approved modified summer hours for the staff of the Central Board Office from June 29, 2020 to August 29, 2020, as follows:

Monday to Thursday
8:00 am – 4:30 pm (30 minute lunch break)
Friday - closed

Due to the continued concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, staff will work 2 days a week from home and 2 days a week from the office on a rotating basis.

Provisional Public School Board Meeting

The Board of Trustees agreed to add an additional Public School Board meeting on August 13th at 5:00 p.m. This will provide an opportunity to review re-entry plans and school guidelines from the Ministries of Education and Health, prior to the August 31, 2020 start date.



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