

Board Highlights

Canadian Rockies Public Schools

Highlights From

May 27, 2020 Public School Board Meeting

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Next Public School Board Meeting

June 24, 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.

"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 May 27, 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 Stimulus Program

Canadian Rockies Public Schools has been awarded \$2,500,000.00 in funding as part of the provincial government's stimulus program. Our successful submission for funding will allow for several very significant upgrades within the division which ensures the continued safety and efficiency of our buildings. The division's strategic plan for building maintenance and upgrades in cooperation with Johnson Controls had identified projects that would improve the long term efficiencies within the division. These new provincial funds will allow for work to be completed on the following projects; a mechanical management system (approx. \$600,000), LED lighting retrofit at CCHS (approx. \$800,000), replacement of boilers at BCHS and LGMS (approx. \$600,000). Additional funds will be spent to upgrade/repair building envelopes (painting and deck repair) as well as HVAC upgrades. These upgrades will result in significant efficiencies within the division as well as reduced energy costs going forward. This work has begun and will continue all summer and early fall. Thanks to Steve Greene and the administration team for preparing the application.

Summer School Programs

Canadian Rockies Public Schools will be providing a wide range of summer programs through our Distance Learning Centre. Virtual Summer School runs from June 29th to July 17th and is a great way to earn extra credits over the summer. Check out the division's [website](#) to see details of course offerings and get a jump on next year's course load.

Budget 2020-2021

The Board has approved the [budget for 2020-2021](#) school year.

There continues to be considerable uncertainty regarding several factors which influence the budget. Budget assumptions which have guided our decisions include the uncertainty of insurance costs which may increase as much as an additional 20% over the staggering increase seen in 2019. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact the division and understanding that the provincial Ministry of Health and Ministry of Education are requiring staff and students to stay home with any sign of sickness, additional funding for staffing for substitute teachers has been built into the budget. For the same reasons supply budgets and caretaking budgets have been increased to meet the new reality and requirement of additional measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our facilities.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, this budget does not provide for any revenues from the International Student Program at this time. The pandemic has severely impacted the families and businesses in the division. Tourism is the major economic driver in the region and the pandemic has seen 80 - 90 % of the workforce impacted by recent events. This could severely impact our enrolment and at this time we are unsure of the impact it will have on our schools. It is important to note that the new funding formula for schools is fixed for this current year based on a weighted average, but if we do not get the enrollment we anticipate then there could be a substantial adjustment in subsequent years.

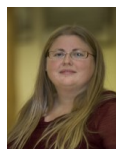
Mental health supports and nutrition program funding have been provided for in the budget as these programs are fundamental to the success of the students and their families.



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