

Canadian Rockies Public Schools

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 March 23, 2022
 Public School Board Meeting
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The March 23rd CRPS Public School Board meeting returned to face-to-face. Moving forward the public will have the option of attending in-person or via Google Meet. The meeting was recorded and the recording is posted on the division website.

Spotlight on Learning—CCHS SynBio Club

The Board of Trustees were treated to a presentation by two students and their teachers, highlighting the work being done by the SynBio (Synthetic Biology) Club at CCHS. This club began at the request of a few students who were interested in this field of study. The club meets under the guidance of teachers Brent Bittner and Ken Symington. CRPS provided start-up funding with the purchase of a centrifuge and supporting an all-day workshop facilitated by two experts from Amino Labs.

The students won "Best Project Pitch" at the Mindfuel Tech Futures Challenge that was held in February. Looking ahead, the long-term goal of the club is to attend the iGEM (**Internationally Genetically Engineered Machine**) conference in either Boston, USA or Paris, France .

Congratulations and well done !!

High School Future's Planning

CRPS has begun taking steps to gather ideas regarding future use of Career and Technology Studies (CTS) spaces within BCHS and CCHS. Senior administration, staff and community representatives have begun preliminary discussions about what that might look like, keeping in mind, "What do our students need for the future?"

Community Engagement Network (CEN) meetings will follow in the near future to provide information and an opportunity for input as to the visioning of this exciting advancement. This is a major opportunity to support CRPS students in their learning, and discuss future options for CCHS and BCHS.

Congratulations to the *SynBio Club* who won the "Best Project Pitch" at the Mindfuel Tech Futures Challenge on Saturday!








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School Council Meeting Dates

- BCHS—April 18**
- Alpenglow—April 19**
- CCHS—April 19**
- BES—April 20**
- LGMS—April 21**
- ERS—April 27**
- Exshaw—TBD**

Next Public School Board Meeting

**April 20, 2022
 7:00 p.m.
 Exshaw School**

Public School Board meetings will return to face-to-face. The public will have the option of attending in-person or via Google Meet. The April meeting will be held at the Exshaw School

Supporting ESL/Physical Literacy in CRPS

CRPS, in partnership with Settlement Services, has received a grant in the amount of \$3,300 from the Banff Canmore Community Foundation (BCCF). This grant will fund the summer 2022 ESL/Physical Literacy Program in Banff.

This will be the 6th year for the program that provides programming to 40 English Language Learners, for four weeks in July. BCCF has indicated that this program is always a favourite with the committee for it's very multifaceted impact.

Employment Opportunities

With increasing costs in the valley, we have had a number of resignations in our school division.

CRPS is in particular need of bus drivers - both on a casual basis and driving regular routes. Interested candidates are invited to send a resume to hr@crps.ca. Training is provided!



CRPS Maintenance Facility Addition

CRPS acquired a maintenance shop in the summer of 2020 after renting it for several years. Over time, the unit has become tight for space, accommodating storage of materials and supplies for various CRPS departments and programs.

The possibility currently exists to add a ½ level loft to the unit, allowing more space to assist with the growing need for storage. CRPS has an opportunity to align the construction with the unit next door, utilizing the same construction crews and combining the ordering of materials to realize a significant cost savings.



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