



THE BRIEF

Canadian Rockies Public Schools' Board Meeting Digest
September 23, 2025

CRPS Trustees (left to right): Dale Craig, Arlene Rheame, Luke Sunderland, Carol Picard, Brian Callaghan

Wim & Nancy Pauw Foundation Donation for 2025/26

Canadian Rockies Public Schools (CRPS) has received a significant donation from the Wim & Nancy Pauw Foundation for the 2025/26 school year. The total donation amount of \$1,100,000 (an increase of almost 10% from last year) is intended to enhance educational and extracurricular opportunities for students across CRPS schools in the following areas: Athletics, Outdoor Pursuits, Experiential Outdoor Learning, Student Wellness and Wrap-Around Support Services, and Academics, with a focus on learning as well as reducing the financial burden on families.

On behalf of Canadian Rockies Public Schools' (CRPS) students, staff and families, we would like to thank the Pauw Foundation for their ongoing support.

CCHS Multipurpose Room Dedication

Trustee Carol Picard served the students, staff and communities of Canadian Rockies Public Schools with dedication and distinction for over 15 years. Throughout her tenure, Carol provided strong governance, thoughtful decision-making and unwavering commitment to ensuring that every student had access to high-quality inclusive education. Her contributions extended beyond board meetings; she actively engaged with parents, staff and community partners, always championing student success and well-being.

At the September 23rd Public School Board Meeting, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved naming the CCHS multipurpose room 'Picard Hall', in memory of the late Carol Picard as a lasting tribute for not only her years of service but also the values that guided her work; integrity, community and a deep belief in the power of education to transform lives.

Advocacy Priorities

As the voice for the Bow Valley's robust and diverse public education system, CRPS' Board of Trustees is not only tasked with consulting parents, staff, and key partners, but serves as the liaison between these groups, elected officials, and governmental bodies. Given this role, over the course of the 2024/25 school year, the Board identified three advocacy priorities: Transformational Learning Opportunities, Continuity of Learning, and Strategic Well-Being Investments, as is identified through a communique posted on CRPS' website.

As the Board continues to act as the liaison between the community, elected officials, and governmental bodies, it is crucial to ensure that these advocacy priorities remain relevant and effectively address the needs of the Bow Valley's public education system.

The Board will revisit this document for possible changes once the new Board of Trustees has been established in October.



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Council of Councils Initiatives

The Board of Trustees values the insights and contributions of our school councils. To maintain a strong partnership, the Board of Trustees and Senior Administration meets with school councils twice each school year.

These meetings provide a platform for school councils to share the exciting developments in their schools and present wish lists for additional resources and support.

The Board of Trustees and Senior Administration appreciate the active participation of our parent councils at

the Council of Councils meetings where councils present two 'stars' and one 'wish'. The Board of Trustees has approved many of the 'wish list' initiatives received from the school councils. This demonstrates the board's commitment to investing in the future success of our schools and the entire division.



CRPS Tidbits

Important Calendar Dates

The Board of Trustees' October Public Meetings

Organizational Meeting

- October 29, 2025 at 6:30 pm

Regular meeting

- October 29, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Both meetings will take place at the Central Board Office in Canmore.

Building Community Together: School Councils

The following October School Council meeting dates have been set:

Alpenglow - October 2 @6:30

BCHS - October 6 @5:30

BES - October 29 @3:30

CCHS - October 21 @7:00

ERS - October 15 @6:30

LGMS - October 9 @7:00

Contact your principal for more information.

Election Day is October 20, 2025

Advance Voting and Election will take place as follows:

Mount Rundle Ward (Canmore Trustees)

For residents living within the Town of Canmore

Advance Polls:

Canmore Recreation Centre - Room 230, 1900 - 8th Avenue

October 9, 2025 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

October 10, 2025 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

October 11, 2025 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

October 15, 2025 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

October 16, 2025 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Election Day: (same location)

October 20, 2025 • Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For residents living outside of Canmore in Harvie Heights and Dead Man's Flats

Advance Polls:

Harvie Heights Community Hall

100 Birch Avenue, Harvie Heights, AB

October 9, 2025 12 (noon) to 8 p.m.

October 16, 2025 12 (noon) to 8 p.m.

Election Day (same location)

October 20, 2025 • Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For residents living in Lac Des Arcs and Kananaskis Country

Advance Polls:

Exshaw Community Hall

24 Heart Mountain Drive, Exshaw, AB

October 9, 2025 12 noon to 8 p.m.

October 16, 2026 12 noon to 8 p.m.

Election Day (same location)

October 20, 2025 • Hours: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

School Trustee Election 2025 Register of Candidates

Ward	# of Vacancies	Candidate Nominations Submitted
Banff	2	Luke Sunderland - Incumbent/Acclaimed Sharon Oakley - Acclaimed
Exshaw	1	Dale Craig - Incumbent/Acclaimed
Mount Rundle (Canmore)	2	Brian Callaghan Cheryl Fraser Anne Kontokosta

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