

# Interschool Collaboration Session – March 18, 2022

## Session Listings

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### 1. *Interschool Model UN Capstone Unit Collab*

**Location:** Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 pm to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Rob Tkachuk

**Contact:** Rob Tkachuk [tkachukr@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:tkachukr@lrsd.ab.ca)

**Link:** Please email Rob for the meeting link

Currently four people from two schools (CCHS & WCCHS) have met once and hammered out the rough unit goalposts for this project. During this session we will be examining coordination lessons, sources, assessments, and timeline schedules for asynchronous and synchronous interschool interactions to set up a model United Nation issue exploration/debate.

Please RSVP to Rob Tkachuk [tkachukr@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:tkachukr@lrsd.ab.ca).

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### 2. *Grade 1 Coffee Shop*

**Location:** Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Allana Ball

**Contact:** Allana Ball [balla@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:balla@lrsd.ab.ca)

**Link:** Please email Allana for the meeting link

Over the past two years we have lost touch with the div 1 teachers in Livingstone Range. This coffee shop session is to provide time to meet, or reconnect with other teachers that are teaching grade 1 or Div 1. We will be having a sharing session for a variety of classroom topics. Some examples might be; what your classroom looks like, what you use for assessments, your expectations for curricular outcomes, samples of student work, classroom management ideas, good books, reporting tools, etc.

Please RSVP to Allana Ball at [balla@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:balla@lrsd.ab.ca) .

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### 3. *JR/SR High Science*

**Location:** Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Rob Tkachuk

**Contact:** Rob Tkachuk [tkachukr@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:tkachukr@lrsd.ab.ca)

**Link:** Please email Rob for the meeting link

Join us for an exploration of utilizing Vernier senortech hardware and developing in class and place based science-math investigations.

Please RSVP to Rob Tkachuk [tkachukr@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:tkachukr@lrsd.ab.ca).

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## 4. **2SLGBTQ+ Inclusive Education Presentation**

**Location:** Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Alexandra Marshall

**Contact:** Cassie Rapuano [rapuanoc@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:rapuanoc@lrsd.ab.ca)

**Link:** Please email Cassie for the meeting link

Join this virtual session to discuss 2SLGBTQ+ inclusion in the classroom and school presented by Alexandra Marshall. This session will include an open and honest conversation with opportunities to ask questions anonymously. Take away tools to use in your classroom!

Please RSVP to Cassie Rapuano [rapuanoc@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:rapuanoc@lrsd.ab.ca), a form to fill out beforehand will be sent with the link upon RSVP.

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## 5. **Wellness Days Planning**

**Location:** Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Krysta MacDonald and Stacey Wright

**Contact:** Krysta @ [macdonaldk@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:macdonaldk@lrsd.ab.ca)

**Link:** Please email Krysta for the meeting link

**Cancelled**

CCHS is hoping to host Wellness Days this spring. We will spend the day planning the event. Based on student, staff, and community responses and feedback, we understand that the mental and physical health of our students is strained. With the spring we want a renewed focus on planning an event to encourage, support, and foster improved health in all areas. The day will be spent contacting and organizing the logistics of the event. Join us to see how this can work with your school!

Please RSVP to Krysta Macdonald at [macdonaldk@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:macdonaldk@lrsd.ab.ca)

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## 6. **PASI Collaboration**

**Location:** Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Melanie Housenga & Farah AB Education

**Contact:** Melanie @ [housengam@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:housengam@lrsd.ab.ca)

**Link:** Please email Melanie for the meeting link

This session is for Administrative Assistants. We will be going over all things PASI. Farah from Alberta Education will be joining us for part of the morning to discuss PASI Student Search, ASN Creation, PASI Student Personal Information, PASI Student School Enrolments. The rest of the time we will discuss what we have learned, go over PASI core alerts, PASI Screens in Edsembli and anything else PASI you wish to discuss.

Please RSVP to Melanie Housenga at [housengam@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:housengam@lrsd.ab.ca)

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**Presenter:** Melanie Housenga & Farah AB Education

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Please RSVP to Melanie Housenga at [housengam@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:housengam@lrsd.ab.ca)

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## 8. *Building Boxes: CTF Construction*

**Location:** CCHS/Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Zach Harris

**Contact:** Zach @ [harrisz@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:harrisz@lrsd.ab.ca)

The plan for the day is to spend the morning in the shop building a grade 8 construction project while documenting each step of the construction process, and then use the afternoon putting together a set of step-by-step plans for students to use in the shop. The focus of the project is that students learn specific skills that will provide them with functional knowledge and skills that will benefit them in future CTF or CTS classes and real-world applications.

Contact Zach Harris at [harrisz@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:harrisz@lrsd.ab.ca) for more information, to register, or to join virtually.

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## 9. *Understanding the Impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences on the Children and Youth.*

**Location:** Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Shannon Fraser

**Contact:** Shannon @ [frasers@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:frasers@lrsd.ab.ca)

In this session we will discuss student regulation skills and brain development as a result of Trauma/ACE's.

Please RSVP Shannon Fraser at [frasers@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:frasers@lrsd.ab.ca) .

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## 10. *What's Going On In Career Development These Days?*

**Location:** Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Michael Huston, Michelle Dittmer, Ed Hidalgo

**Contact:** Lettie Croskery @ [croskeryl@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:croskeryl@lrsd.ab.ca)

Join LRSD Career Practitioner Lettie Croskery as she delves into a myriad of topics that will help to inform and inspire you in your own career development journey, that of your family members and ultimately of the students you work with!

Topics of discussion and practical, hands-on resources will be explored as we gain a deeper understanding of these career development topics:

- Career development and its contribution to positive mental health outcomes (Dave Redekopp and Michael Huston's book: "Strengthening Mental Health through Effective Career Development" - Sidenote...Mike and I worked together at Calgary Hire A Student when we were both at U of C. **Michael Huston, Associate Professor and Counsellor** at Mt. Royal University, guest speaker.
- The popularity of Gap years - should gap years be feared or embraced? (**Michelle Dittmer, Canadian Gap Year Association**, guest speaker). How can LRSD support students in planning a productive and safe gap year experience either within our district or abroad?
- What are the RIASEC - Holland Codes and why is it working so well with K-8 grade students in San Diego? (**Ed Hidalgo, Chief Innovation and Engagement Officer** for the Cajon Valley Union School District in San Diego, guest speaker)
- Where to look for information - what is a Human Library? What is on Lettie's List of Cool Things on our school websites?
- What's happening in career development circles within LRSD and how can you take advantage of this for your family, peers and students?

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO REGISTER EARLY  
(so I don't freak out and cancel our guest speakers prematurely!)**

RSVP: Lettie Croskery at [croskeryl@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:croskeryl@lrsd.ab.ca)

[Michael Huston - Author and MRU Associate Professor and Counsellor](#)

[Michelle Dittmer - Canadian Gap Year Association](#)

[Ed Hidalgo - Cajon Valley Union School District](#)

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## 11. *Modelling Place-Based Education*

**Location:** Virtual/CNP Learning Centre

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Karen Keats-Whelan, Sharon Pelech, Darron Kelly, John Taylor, Jason Clifton, Joel Gamache

**Contact:** Jason Clifton @ [cliftonj@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:cliftonj@lrsd.ab.ca)

Join us for a virtual morning session when special guest Karen Keats-Whelan (principal) and two of her school team members will explain how one Edmonton school connected students with elders in their community to improve quality of life during covid and what benefits this had for the community. This will be followed by a general discussion on teacher identity and place conscious pedagogy with Sharon Pelech from the University of Lethbridge and Darron Kelly from Memorial University. Please [click here](#) for a short reading on this topic in preparation for the discussion. The virtual session will be followed by a break to give people time to head over to the CNP learning center for the hands-on, experiential portion of the day. Please let Jason Clifton know if you want to attend the virtual portion at the CNP learning Centre, space is limited.

Beginning at 11:30 am, Place-Based Learning Supervisors Jason Clifton and Joel Gamache will provide a brief tour of the new CNP site before inviting participants to engage in an outdoor, experiential learning activity that can be adapted and implemented in any community. Snowshoeing will be integrated into the event. We will follow the activity with a brief discussion around defining PBE, why it is important and making curricular connections to PBE. Staff participating in the later session will need to come to the CNP Centre prepared to spend time outside. Appropriate outerwear and footwear for snowshoeing are a must. Snowshoes will be provided. Joel and Jason will be preparing elk stew for staff at the CNP learning centre between 10:30 and 11:30 am. If you plan on joining us for lunch and you have dietary restrictions please email Jason Clifton at [cliftonj@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:cliftonj@lrsd.ab.ca). Looking forward to seeing you there!

Please RSVP Jason Clifton at [cliftonj@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:cliftonj@lrsd.ab.ca).

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## 12. *Ancient Land*

**Location:** Blood Reserve, Kainai Nation

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Joe Eagle Tailfeathers

**Contact:** Sherri Terpstra @ [terpstras@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:terpstras@lrsd.ab.ca)

Enjoy a day on the land with Elder Joe Eagle Tailfeathers. We will visit Fort Kipp, Many Spotted Horses memorial site, Chief Calf Shirt's memorial and burial site. Joe will share his knowledge and stories about these traditional Blackfoot sites.

Please dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, pack water and a lunch. We will leave F.P. Walshe school at 8:30 and return by 1:30 pm. A bus will be available for transporting us.

Please RSVP Sherri Terpstra at [terpstras@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:terpstras@lrsd.ab.ca).

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## 13. *“The Hero’s Journey” and Clay*

**Location:** Allied Arts

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Christina Bazell

**Contact:** Christina Bazell @ [bazellc@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:bazellc@lrsd.ab.ca)

Creatively exploring the world of work and shifting perspective

With clay as our base and metaphor, we will reflect on our students' (Hero) future (journey), the art of creating hope and career options outside academics.

Join me at Allied Arts in Fort Macleod 9-1:30 (Doors open at 8:30) for an adventure in outside the box exploration. Be prepared to get messy, no experience required, materials and tools will be provided.

To register, please email: [bazellc@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:bazellc@lrsd.ab.ca), space is limited so register early.

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## 14. *Indigenous Games*

**Location:** W.A. Day

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Ty Provost and Justin Zoeteman

**Contact:** Justin Zoeteman @ [zoetemanj@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:zoetemanj@lrsd.ab.ca)

This session will include how to harvest and create game materials, along with how to play several Indigenous games. Please dress appropriately for the weather as we will be outside for portions of the day. We will begin the session in the collaboration room, which is by the main office doors. Please bring your own lunch and water. Also, you might want to bring a knife so that you can carve your own double ball stick.

Please RSVP Justin Zoeteman @ [zoetemanj@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:zoetemanj@lrsd.ab.ca).

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## 15. *Cross Curricular Project for Grade 9*

**Location:** Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Kirby Dietze and Kim Greven

**Contact:** Kirby Dietze @ [dietzek@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:dietzek@lrsd.ab.ca)

Join us as we work on a cross curricular project for Gr 9 where kids are planning a Mars mission that involves aspects of all 4 core subject outcomes.

Please RSVP Kirby Dietze @ [dietzek@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:dietzek@lrsd.ab.ca).

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## 16. *Prepping for the New Curriculum*

**Location:** Stavely/Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Heather MacDonald & Julaine Guitton

**Contact:** Heather MacDonald @ [macdonaldh@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:macdonaldh@lrsd.ab.ca) or Julaine Guitton @ [guittonj@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:guittonj@lrsd.ab.ca)

Do you want some time to review the new curriculum and plan for its implementation in your classroom? Come to Stavely School (in person) or join us virtually and plan to work on either the Language Arts (K-6) new curriculum OR the Math (K-6) new curriculum (two separate sessions but just down the hall from each other). We will take some time to pull out big ideas, compare new outcomes to what you are already teaching and start to plan resources and lessons or units you can actually teach. Plan to spend LOTS of time working during the day. If possible bring a laptop or chromebook to work on. (IF you would like to order pizza from the local restaurant for lunch bring \$10 and we will order together!)

Please RSVP to Heather Macdonald [macdonaldh@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:macdonaldh@lrsd.ab.ca) or Julaine Guitton [guittonj@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:guittonj@lrsd.ab.ca) by March 16, 2022 and please let us know if you will be joining virtually or in person

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## 17. *Science of Reading*

**Location:** Room 113 WMES/Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Michelle Watt and Kara Kulack

**Contact:** Michelle Watt @ [wattm@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:wattm@lrsd.ab.ca)

**Link:** <https://meet.google.com/kiz-fdag-ttv>

Join us in person or virtually for the second session of Science of Reading. We will talk about the main components and share what is working or how we have changed up our practice. We will discuss scope and sequence and decodable resources. Also, if you have read, Reading is Hard we will bring that information into the discussion as well as it is closely aligned. If you can come in person - there will be snacks.

Please RSVP to Michelle Watt - [wattm@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:wattm@lrsd.ab.ca) so she can plan for snacks and send out the link if needed.

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## 18. *Elementary Virtual Learning*

**Location:** Granum/Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Cara Pawlick

**Contact:** Cara Pawlick @ [pawlickc@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:pawlickc@lrsd.ab.ca)

**Link:** [meet.google.com/cvi-wdjw-ccq](https://meet.google.com/cvi-wdjw-ccq)

Teachers involved with LRSD Virtual learning from Grades 1-7 are invited to share resources, collaborate, explore virtual platforms, investigate engagement/assessment, troubleshoot and discuss the progress of the program. Join in person at Granum school or virtually.

Please RSVP to Cara Pawlick at [pawlickc@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:pawlickc@lrsd.ab.ca).

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## 19. *Planning a School Wide Theme Based Activity*

**Location:** Livingstone/Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Liesel Leishman

**Contact:** Liesel Leishman @ [leishmanl@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:leishmanl@lrsd.ab.ca)

Time to collaborate with others on how to successfully plan a school wide theme-based activity or multiple activities. Logistics, details, safety, purposeful learning, place based, experiential, hands on and fun learning. Bring your lunch (Obies only has fast food)

Please RSVP to Liesel Leishman @ [leishmanl@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:leishmanl@lrsd.ab.ca) for the link or if you have any questions.

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## 20. *Athletic Director/Coaching Courses and Chat*

**Location:** Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Randy Whitehead

**Contact:** Randy Whitehead @ [whiteheadra@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:whiteheadra@lrsd.ab.ca)

We will use this time to complete the required courses that ASAA requires and any other coaching course that interests you. I will set up a google meet as well for any discussion and collaboration with these courses and other AD issues that have come up.

Please RSVP to Randy Whitehead @ [whiteheadra@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:whiteheadra@lrsd.ab.ca).

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## 21. *Middle School Advisory Collaboration Day*

**Location:** FPW/Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Kim Biesheuvel

**Contact:** Kim Biesheuvel @ [biesheuvelk@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:biesheuvelk@lrsd.ab.ca)

A collaborative session for staff using an advisory program at the middle school level, or who are interested in implementing an advisory program into their daily schedule. We will be planning the next steps of scheduling for Easter and the months leading up to the end of the year. Bring your questions and ideas as we look at scheduling this program.

Please RSVP to Kim Biesheuvel @ [biesheuvelk@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:biesheuvelk@lrsd.ab.ca) for the Google Meet Link.



## 22. *Term 3, Grade 3 Social Studies Planning*

**Location:** Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Kayla Marra

**Contact:** Kayla Marra @ [marrak@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:marrak@lrsd.ab.ca)

Looking through the remaining curriculum that needs to be covered for the end of the year. Planning some jigsaw themed activities and group work assignments to cover Term 3 topics.

Please email [marrak@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:marrak@lrsd.ab.ca) for a virtual link to the session if you would like to join.

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## 23. *Indigenous Mathematics (Appropriate for all Grade Levels)*

**Location:** Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Sharon Meyer

**Contact:** Bonnie Whitford @ [whitfordb@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:whitfordb@lrsd.ab.ca)

Sharon has spent many years researching how to help non-First Nations teachers infuse Indigenous Mathematics into their classroom practice. During her presentation she will help to answer the following questions.

1. What is First Nations mathematics?
2. How do you infuse First Nations mathematics into your classroom?
3. How do you ensure your practices are not offensive to First Nations peoples?

Sharon will leave you feeling confident and empowered to set out on your own First Nations Math Journey!

Please contact [whitfordb@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:whitfordb@lrsd.ab.ca) for a virtual link.

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## 24. *Building Structured Literacy*

**Location:** AB Daily/Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Jillian Spencer

**Contact:** Jillian Spencer @ [spencerj@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:spencerj@lrsd.ab.ca)

We have been working on building structured literacy into our Grade 1/2 classrooms at AB Daley. Our Grade 3/4 teachers are interested in hearing how they can implement some structured literacy strategies/ approaches into their classrooms to support all learners. Join us to share what you have done in your own classroom to help build capacity in your school or come to find out what you might be able to implement yourself. This will be a discussion/ sharing based session.

Please RSVP to Jillian Spencer at [spencerj@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:spencerj@lrsd.ab.ca) for meeting link.

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## 25. *Leader in Me Coach Collaboration Session*

**Location:** W.A. Day/Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Nick Beer

**Contact:** Nick Beer @ [beern@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:beern@lrsd.ab.ca)

This is a chance for LRSD Leader in Me coaches to get together and collaborate on and discuss upcoming presentations and coaching sessions.

Please RSVP to Nick Beer @ [beern@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:beern@lrsd.ab.ca) for meeting link.

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## 26. *Learning Language and Loving It*

**Location:** A.B. Daily/Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Alli Martin

**Contact:** Alli Martin @ [martina@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:martina@lrsd.ab.ca)

This will be part 1 in a series.

The *Learning Language and Loving It* Program was designed to provide early childhood educators with practical strategies for helping all children in the classroom build language and social skills, no matter what their learning and communication styles are, and even if they have special needs.

The *Learning Language and Loving It* Program provides you with practical, research-based strategies for:

- Promoting every child's language development using natural everyday activities, routines and play
- Becoming attuned to children's interests so you can follow their lead, which is known to foster language development
- Adjusting the way you talk to help children develop more advanced language skills
- Promoting interaction among the children themselves
- Facilitating language-learning in pretend play
- Fostering emergent literacy skills

Please RSVP to Alli Martin @ [martina@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:martina@lrsd.ab.ca) for meeting link.

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## 27. *Curriculum Planning for 5/6 combined classes*

**Location:** A.B. Daily/Virtual

**Time:** 8:30 am to 1:30pm

**Presenter:** Jessica Szoke

**Contact:** Jessica Szoke @ [szokej@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:szokej@lrsd.ab.ca)

Curriculum planning for grade 5/6 combined classes - focusing on term 3 and preparation for PAT's.

Please RSVP to Jessica Szoke @ [szokej@lrsd.ab.ca](mailto:szokej@lrsd.ab.ca) for meeting link.

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