

CRW School Council Minutes for February 02, 2026

In Attendance:

Sabrina Nawaz (V)	Sreya Ghosh (V)	Sara Anwar (V)
Shaiza Ahmed (V)	Akila Jeesson Daniel (V)	Sandeepan Dey (V)
Jessica Marie V)	Khaelea Jackson (V)	
Cecilia Wu (V)		
Donna Thompson (Vice Principal)	Tanya Ferro (Principal)	Teachers Rep

(V)= voting member

Sabrina called the meeting to order.

1. **Land Acknowledgement (Sabrina)**

"We begin by acknowledging the land and our responsibility to care for and respect all that provides us with life. This land upon which HDSB is situated, is on the ancestral, treaty and title lands of the Anishinaabek Ojibwe Michizaagiig Nation, now known as the Mississaugas of the Credit. Michizaagiig territory in the past and present continues to host both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. The HDSB is committed to continuous knowledge building with respect to actions that address and resolve the ongoing impacts of colonialism. We do this by learning and understanding the: true history, treaty obligations, duties and responsibilities and Indigenous Rights while actively maintaining mutually beneficial relationships and collectively respecting and caring for the land."

2. **Welcome & Introduction (Sabrina)**

The meeting opened with welcoming and acknowledging council members and parent volunteers for their attendance and contributions.

3. **Approval of February 02, Agenda**

Motion put forth by Jessica, seconded by Sara and approved by all

4. **Approval of December 01, Minutes**

Motion put forth by Jessica, seconded by Sara and approved by all.

5. Principal's Report – (Tanya & Donna)

Junior Boys/Girls Volleyball & Extra-Curricular Activities

A Junior Boys Volleyball tournament was held at CRW with seven other schools attending. It was very well organized and a big success, with good attendance and some great competitive play. CRW made it to the semi-finals, and everyone really enjoyed the event.

The Junior Girls Volleyball tournament is happening this Thursday, and there is a lot of excitement around it. This year, we also had a strong participation from student leadership volunteers, which has been great to see.

There are lots of extra-curricular activities happening this term, including Games Club, where students are learning coding and Python and are finding it very interesting. There have been many rehearsals for the school play, and everything is on track.

Kindness Initiative

The school-wide Kindness Initiative is currently underway. All classes are taking part, with students nominating peers for acts of kindness. Examples of kindness are shared during daily announcements. Toward the end of February, around Family Day, two basketballs donated by **Q-Mack** will be raffled. The students with the highest number of nominations will receive the basketballs. This initiative aligns with the school's multi-year plan.

EQAO Results

EQAO results were released later than usual as they were held by the government, and CRW is very happy with the results. Grade 3 students did extremely well, with most students achieving Level 3 and 4 (with Level 3 being the provincial standard). Grade 3s also performed especially well in writing. Grade 6 results were also very strong, with no students below the provincial standard in reading and writing. The EQAO link is posted on the CRW website, and families can review the results and compare CRW's performance with provincial results. Overall, CRW is performing above provincial standards.

The school is continuing to work on Math and Literacy goals, with an emphasis on reading and number sense/numeration.

6. Chair's Report (Sabrina).

Danceathon

On December 5, the Danceathon was held, with Pop Rock Shop selling items beginning at 8:15 a.m. Funds were collected through pledge forms and cash, with money counted following the event. The event was very well organized and a huge success, and sincere thanks and appreciation were extended to all volunteers, staff, and council members for their support.

Lunchbox Program

The 4-day Lunchbox model continues to run well. Appreciation was extended to all **volunteers** who consistently step in to cover shifts.

Spirit Wear

There has been a lot of interest in the graduation hoodies. They were originally planned to launch in April, but due to the strong interest and to give students the opportunity to wear them during their final year, it was decided to launch them earlier. The last day to place orders is February 4, and a reminder email will be sent to collect final orders. The hoodies will take about three weeks to be ready.

Frozen cookie dough drop fundraiser

An update was shared on the recent fundraising sale of Terra Cotta cookies. We sold 88 boxes, raising \$516. Pickup is scheduled for February 11, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. It was noted that the frozen product can only stay outside for about five hours, so distribution will need to be well organized. The vendor will pre-sort the boxes by flavour and has provided order sheets in advance, which should help make pickup and distribution run smoothly. A giant cookie has also been donated by Terra Cotta for a giveaway. Ideas were shared on who it could go to, and a final decision has not yet been made.

PIC Pro Event - March 26, 2026.

It was shared that a PIC PRO Grant of \$750 has been received. An event is planned for March 26, 2026, with Royal City Science for a planetarium presentation, and will take place in the school gym. The total cost of the event is \$500, leaving \$250 remaining. The remaining funds may be used for refreshments or planet themed loot bags; this is still under discussion and will be confirmed.

Big Box of Cards

Another fundraising initiative, the Big Box of Cards, will be launched on February 6 and is being organized by Khalea. The boxes will be hand-delivered to the school. Each child will receive a sample card to take home so families can see what the cards look like. Additional details and links will be shared with parents to provide more information and explain how to place orders. A pizza party will be awarded to the class with the highest number of orders, along with a tablet giveaway.

Films.ca Movie Fundraiser.

The movie fundraiser is scheduled for March 28, 2026. The event will include a movie, an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet (cereal and milk), and a dance party. The movie is yet to be decided, and we are also checking on dairy-free milk options.

Donna shared that the school has screening rights to show the documentary Screenagers, which is divided into three parts. The documentary explores students use of technology, the influence of advertising, and making responsible choices. The license allows the full-length documentary to be shown once. It was discussed that Screenagers could be shown either on movie day or during the PIC evening. This option is still under review, and a final decision has not yet been made.

Fun Fair Event Planning

- A pre-council meeting was held on January 26, during which several broader planning and coordination tasks were taken on by council members to support the Fun Fair.
- The Fun Fair is planned to run from 5:00–8:00 p.m. Volunteer opportunities will be shared through Garth Webb, where students will be able to sign up. CRW Senate and leadership students may also be considered to help, depending on volunteer turnout from Garth Webb and sufficient teacher participation.
- In the absence of inflatables, the focus will be on activity-based stalls. Teachers have traditionally been very active in Fun Fair events, and it was suggested that a Google Form be created listing all planned activities so teachers can sign up accordingly.
- The school AV system will be used for music during the Fun Fair, and it will need to be determined who will manage the AV setup.
- Donna will share an approved vendor list along with relevant administrative procedures.
- Sabrina will contact Julie to obtain last year's approved site plan to help with planning for this year's Fun Fair.
- Donna also noted that existing games (e.g., Connect games, etc.) can be used for the event.
- The idea of allowing children to run their own stall was discussed as a possible first-time initiative. Tanya will check Oakville administrative procedures to confirm whether this is permitted.
- Other options, such as a petting zoo, were explored but were not pursued due to cost and safety considerations. Inflatables will not be included due to expense. The Fun Fair will instead focus on a more community-based, interactive theme. Foam parties are no longer an option, as they have been discontinued and are not permitted by the board.

7. Treasurer's Report (Sabrina)

A financial update was shared. The balance carried forward from last year is \$7,617. Total revenue generated to date is \$10,640.54, with total expenses to date of \$10,042, leaving a current fund balance of \$8,213.92.

It was noted that Danceathon funds were raised for technology, and Lunchbox funds were allocated toward AV equipment. As requested by the principal, it was agreed that \$1,600 would be allocated toward remaining AV/technology equipment, and \$5,365.25 would be allocated toward Chromebooks, document cameras, and speakers.

8. Parent Concern: Washroom Access and Facilities

A parent shared concerns regarding students in portables having limited time to access the washroom, especially during colder weather. They noted that students may feel rushed and not have enough time to put on their coats and were worried this could affect their health. The parent also

mentioned that there are no hooks in the washrooms to hang coats and asked whether hooks could be added.

Donna explained that hooks are not placed in washrooms for safety reasons, noting that these areas can be harder to supervise. She added that students are welcome to leave their coats in the office if needed and emphasized that students should wear their coats when going outside.

The parent also raised a concern about the availability of garbage bins in the washrooms, particularly for the disposal of sanitary products. Donna confirmed that each stall has a white disposal bin and paper bags available for disposal.

9. Teachers Rep (Tanya)

No teacher representative has been confirmed yet. An update will be provided once a volunteer steps forward.

Next council meeting – March 02, 2026

CAPTAIN R. WILSON COUNCIL MOTIONS AND ACTIONS 2025-2026	Put Forth By:	Seconded By:	Voted
SEPT 29: Pre-council meeting to be held on October 6 th	Sara	Sabrina	All in Favor
Nov 03: Motion was passed to approve the agenda for November 10, school council meeting.	Sara	Akila	All in Favor
Nov 03: Motion was passed to approve the school council minutes for September 29	Sara	Akila	All in Favor
Nov 03: Motion was passed to approve the purchase of AV System	Donna	Sreya	All in favor
Dec 01: Motion was passed to approve the agenda for December 01, school council meeting	Sara	Shaiza	All in favor
Dec 01: A Correction Motion put forth by Sara, seconded by Shaiza and approved by all.	Sara	Shaiza	All in favor
Dec 01: Motion was passed to approve the allocation of funds raised through Lunchbox into AV system.	Akila	Sara	All in favor
Feb 02: Motion was passed to approve the agenda for February 02, school council meeting.	Jessica	Sara	All in favor
Feb 02: Motion was passed to approve the school council minutes for December 01.	Jessica	Sara	All in favor

