

CRW School Council Minutes for November 10, 2025

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 introductions and a welcome to all attendees. The remaining school council positions were finalized, and the new members are as follows

- **Parent/Guardian Voting Representative:** Khaelea Jackson & Sandeepan Dey
- **Events & Fundraising:** Jessica Marie, Cecilia Wu

3. **Approval of November 10th, Agenda**

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

4. **Approval of September 29th, Minutes**

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

5. Principal's Report – (Donna)

School Activities & Community:

CCAT & EQAO: The grade 4 cohort wrote the CCAT during the third week of October, and the reports were completed and sent home. The school is still waiting on the Spring EQAO results for Grades 3 and 6. Results will be sent home to families once received.

Report cards are scheduled to be sent home on **November 17**, followed by **student-led conferences** taking place at the **end of the month**.

Physical copies of report cards will continue to be sent home with students for now; however, the process is expected to transition online soon, allowing parents to access report cards electronically through **the Aspen portal**.

The month included several school-wide events, such as the **Big School Leadership Day** with fun, engaging activities, and the Halloween celebrations on October 31st that wrapped up the month.

Mrs. Tanya Farrow is currently away, and Mr. David Purcell is serving as Acting Principal during her absence.

6. Chair's Report (Sabrina)

The **Rebook Event** was successful, with 205 books sold, generating \$205.

The **Lunch Box Program** continues to operate smoothly under the 4-day model. Orders are placed via School Cash Online, with support from School Council members and parent volunteers to ensure efficient operation. The Lunch Box program performed well in October, raising a total of **\$673** for the school.

Planning is underway for the upcoming **Film.ca Movie Night**. The event may include additional activities such as face painting and animal petting to enhance the experience and ensure a successful evening. **Date to be finalized.**

7. Review of the Proposed Fund-raising plan for 2025-2026 (Sabrina)

The proposed fundraising plan, including net profit goals for 2025–2026, was presented. Donna explained that not all the existing fund balances from the previous year can be used, as a portion of these funds are allocated to PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) funding. She also advised that the upcoming PIC Conference will help provide further clarity on how PIC funds can be used to support parent engagement initiatives.

7.1. **Sabrina** proposed creating a **spirit wear-themed stickers** that could be used for **Anti-Bullying Week**. **Donna** suggested expanding the idea into a **Kindness Campaign**, using these stickers as part of a broader initiative.

Since November already includes several activities—such as the **Spirit Wear Days**, **Anti-Bullying Week**, and a **guest speaker session**—it was agreed that the stickers could be best utilized within this campaign. The **Kindness Campaign** supports the school's **multi-year plan** focused on **kindness and connection**.

8. Spirit Wear & Graduation Update: (Sreya & Sabrina)

Spirit wear designs and colours have been finalized — options include navy, black, royal blue, gray, and dark heather gray. The purchase link will be shared with parents before the end of this week.

For the Grade 8 graduating students, the School Council will collaborate with Natalie Delia (CRW Shark Shirts) to create custom hoodie featuring the graduation year and student signatures. The custom hoodie design used for last year's students can be reused for this year as well. Funds raised through this initiative will support graduation activities.

9. Treasurer's Report (Sreya)

- Last year's balance carried forward is **\$6580**.
- A generous donation amount of **\$1130** has been received from a parent which will be used for leadership t-shirts
- Funds raised from rebook is **\$205**
- Funds raised from Lunchbox is approx. **\$673** which will also be used for AV technology once realised.
- The total balance of **\$4271.92** from the balance carried forward of **\$6580** will be used for AV system. The total is a sum of **\$1255.29** (SC Fund Fun Fair) + **210.73** (Joyful Blooms) + **2805.90** (SC Fund) from last year. **A motion was passed and all agreed that this amount will be used to fund the AV system.**
- There is a PIC (Parent Involvement Committee) fund with a balance of **\$2,316.70**. Approval and confirmation are required to allocate this amount toward Parent Involvement Committee activities.
The School Council will confirm the use of this fund after attending the PIC Conference scheduled for November 15.

10. Teachers Rep (Donna)

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

11. Council Operations & Role Distribution

The **Box of Cards and Cookies** initiative will be **led by Cecelia**, in partnership with **Akila**.

12. PIC Meeting Update (Akila & Sabrina)

The **PIC Grant** submission deadline is in **early December**. Efforts are currently underway to organize a **"Let's Talk Science"** session, where student volunteers from local universities will visit the school to engage students in hands-on science activities and discussions.

These sessions are typically offered **free of charge**, providing an excellent opportunity to promote student interest in science and innovation.

13. School Council Communication & Updates (Donna)

Julia is the main contact for all School Council communications and updates. As she maintains a busy schedule, members are encouraged to provide information and requests well in advance, including a clear timeline for when updates need to be shared. Whenever possible, please schedule time with her ahead of deadlines so she can plan and manage her workload effectively.

Meeting adjourned by 7:00pm

Next council meeting – December 1st, 2025

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 6th	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