

CRW School Council Minutes for December 01, 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

Sreya called the meeting to order.

1. Land Acknowledgement (Sreya)

"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 (Sreya)

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

3. Approval of December 01st, Agenda

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

4. Approval of November 10th, Minutes

Correction Motion put forth by Sara, seconded by Shaiza and approved by all.

- A correction was required in Point 8, final sentence, regarding Spirit Wear. The minutes currently state: "Funds raised through this initiative will support graduation activities." This is inaccurate. As outlined in the fundraising proposal and communicated to the parents, Spirit Wear funds for this year are allocated primarily toward technology. While a portion of next year's Spirit Wear revenue will go towards Grade 8 graduation, the majority will continue to support technology, as it would not be equitable for all families to contribute directly to Grade 8 graduation costs.

5. MOM Clarification – (Sreya)

A clarification was provided by Mr. Purcell (Acting Principal) regarding the approval of council minutes. It was confirmed that minutes are formally approved by the council only at the following meeting. Posting the minutes online does not indicate that they have been approved — it is solely to make them available for review. The purpose of posting the minutes is to allow members to read them and bring forward any concerns or corrections at the next meeting.

6. Principal's Report – (Donna)

School Activities & Community:

In November the school held Anti-Bullying Awareness Week, featuring daily themed activities and several presentations. Mr. Q-Mack visited and delivered engaging sessions to students on the character traits of **attitude, leadership, love, self-control, teamwork, accountability, and respect**. His presentations emphasized strong anti-bullying and kindness messages.

Following this, the school has launched several kindness initiatives, including:

- **Kindness announcements** during morning messages
- A **Kindness Wall**, where classes contribute reflections and examples of “throwing kindness like confetti”
- Plans for ongoing kindness-themed activities after the winter break
- A potential “Caught Being Kind” initiative where students demonstrating kindness may receive a prize (e.g., one of the basketballs gifted by Mr. Q – Mack.)

These efforts support the school's **multi-year plan of Kindness, Connection, and Community**, forming part of the broader well-being and anti-bullying plan.

Report Cards & Conferences

Progress reports went home, followed by student-led conferences. Attendance was strong, and staff noted how excited students were to share their work. It was a positive but busy week for everyone.

Clubs, Sports & December Activities

Staff continue to offer a variety of extracurricular programs to support student engagement and well-being, including Yoga, Free to Be Me, French Club, and the upcoming Junior Girls' and Boys' Volleyball teams.

CCAT results went home and EQAO results are still awaited, and they are currently with the Minister of Education, pending release.

Kindergarten students participated in a field trip to **Safety Village**, focused on developing safety awareness and community education.

A school-wide **Remembrance Day** observance was held in the gym with two assemblies, giving all students the chance to come together and honour the day

7. **Chair's Report (Sreya & Sara)**

Pledge forms collection date was initially kept as Dec 2, however the date mentioned in sharky share was Dec 4th. To ensure timely collection of Pledge forms the school will send a reminder email to encourage all Parents to start sending in the forms.

Danceathon

Volunteers are required on December 4 to assist with packing and organizing Pop Rock Shop orders. Donna shared a schedule for the series of events that will take place on December 5th Julie will provide the official order sheet to support sorting/ bagging and distribution.

Lunchbox Program Update

The 4-day Lunchbox model continues to run effectively. Council expressed appreciation for the strong teamwork of council members and parent volunteers.

Volunteers have been consistently reliable in covering their shifts or arranging coverage when needed.

Spirit Wear orders have now closed. There were technical issues during the final days of ordering, but the vendor has addressed and resolved them. Families will be updated once production and delivery timelines are confirmed. A total of 118 units has been sold so far which includes both regular spirit wear and graduation wear.

Frozen cookie dough drop fundraiser

Due to scheduling conflicts and limited pickup availability in December, this fundraiser has been rescheduled to February 11, 2026, with pickup at 12:00 p.m. Since the frozen product can only remain outside for up to five hours, efficient distribution will be essential. The vendor will pre-sort the boxes by flavors and provide order sheets in advance to help streamline the pickup process.

Big Box of Cards

The December campaign from the vendor has sold out. Khaelea is currently coordinating with the vendor to secure a January spot instead, so we can still run this fundraiser early in the new year.

Films.ca Movie Fundraiser.

Sara and Sabrina met with the fundraising representative at Films.ca, and the movie fundraiser has been scheduled for **March 28, 2026**. The event will feature an all-you-can-eat **Breakfast Buffet** with cereal and milk, a **pre-movie dance party**, and optional **concessions** available for purchase. Sara will run a school-wide poll to determine the movie selection

Parent council newsletter

A special thank-you was extended to Sara for taking the initiative to create and share our first School Council newsletter. The newsletter highlights our accomplishments to date and upcoming events and serves as a valuable tool to keep the parent community informed and connected. Council expressed appreciation for the time and effort she dedicated to preparing it.

Fun Fair Planning Team

A dedicated team will be needed to plan and run the Fun Fair in June. Vendor bookings and major logistical arrangements will need to begin soon to ensure everything is secured in time. Donna will share the Administrative Procedures (APs) closer to January so that council has sufficient time to prepare and shortlist vendors. **June 11** is currently being considered as the date for the Fun Fair event.

8. Treasurer's Report (Sreya)

- Current balance carried over from last year (~\$6,580.37).
- Rebook raised \$205 (205 books sold).
- Generous donation by parent for leadership t-shirts (\$1130).
- Estimate of funds raised in the month of Nov through Lunchbox (\$677.19).
- Dance- a-thon Fundraiser Direct Deposit (\$490.98).
- As per the minutes from the last meeting, the funds allocated toward the AV system total \$4,271.92. The cost of the AV system is approximately \$7,000, leaving a shortfall of \$2,728.08. Since Lunchbox funds are designated for technology, the \$677.19 raised through Lunchbox will also be allocated to the AV system.

Motion was put forward by Akila to assign the allocation of funds \$677.19 raised through Lunchbox toward the AV system. Sara approved the motion. After this allocation, the remaining amount required to fully cover the AV system cost is \$2,050.89.

9. Teachers Rep (Donna)

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

10. PIC Conference Update (Akila)

The PIC Meeting took place on November 15, 2025, and was attended by Akila, Sara, and Sabrina. The session featured a keynote presentation by Pardeep Nagra, Human Rights & Equity Advisor at HDSB, which participants found highly insightful.

The **PIC PRO Grant application** is due **December 12**. Council is exploring two options for a STEAM-focused family event:

- **Let's Talk Science (UTM):** Free volunteers; requires selecting specific workshops; March is preferred due to their April/May commitments.
- **Royal City Science (Guelph):** Portable planetarium for **\$500** with multiple screenings; tent size and fire code requirements need to be confirmed by Donna before considering this option.

For the PIC PRO Grant application, a Science Night was identified as the preferred option. Donna suggested January as a suitable month for the event and requested that council send her possible Thursday evening dates for review.

The current balance of **\$2,316.70** in the School Council Parent Involvement Grant is being considered for the Fun Fair planned for the end of the school year. Ideas included using the funds to purchase large games that could be used at the event. Planning is still underway, and no final decisions have been made at this time.

Next council meeting – February 9, 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 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