

CRW School Council Minutes for November 4, 2024

In Attendance:

Devanshi Verma (V)	Kaamini (V)	Geetika (V)
Sara Anwar (V)	Harneet (V)	
Nav Johal	Amy Ramsay	
(Teacher rep)		Donna Thompson (Vice Principal)

(V)= voting member

Devanshi called the meeting to order.

1. Land Acknowledgement (Devanshi)

"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 peoples.

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 & Introductions (Devanshi)

- Reviewed meeting norms

3. Approval of November 4th Agenda

- Motion put forth by Sara, second by Geetika and approved by all

4. Approval of Oct 7th Minutes

- Motion put forth by Sara, seconded by Geetika and approved by all

5. Reports

5.1 Principal's Report – given by Donna Thompson (Vice Principal)

Attached as part of the agenda presentation

- Shared that Code of Conduct and Dress Code Policy is under review; a response on Dress Code Policy will be furnished by **November 15** that will be provided to the board
- Informed Council to share their input/ feedback on policy, which should be in compliance with Inclusive Education Policy

- Shared an update on the following: Volleyball, Hoot 'n Nanny, Leadership t-shirts, Junior/Senior Flag football tournaments, Concert Band, Bell choir, Primary choir, Robotics & Film Club

5.2 Chair's Report (Devanshi)

- Discussed successful launch of Lunchbox 2024-25, which kicked off on Oct 22, 2024
- Shared October's update with regards to preparation of upcoming events/ initiatives in November and December
- Discussed updates on team's role:
Aashima - Updating minutes timely for each Council Meeting
Sara - Developing communication for community engagement and outreach for events/ initiatives
Geetika - Coordinating with Prof Jamz for Dance a thon and a potential vendor for Yoga night
Kamini - Overlooking financials and coordinating with potential vendor for a Winter/ Holiday fundraising initiative

5.3 Treasure's Report (Kaamini)

- Presented a **Financial Summary** for School Council (**October 2024**):
 - **Current Balance:** \$14,568.71 across 14 accounts (12 funds + 2 grants)
 - **Fund Increase:** Total School Council fund increased by \$2,175 (from \$12,393.50 to \$14,568.71).
 - **Expenses:** \$3,840 in total; where **Angel Fund:** \$1,700; **Krispy Kreme Expenses:** \$1,800 (includes \$960 for Parent Council invoice and \$850 for leadership T-shirts).
 - **Revenue:** Total of \$6,015.66
SC Fund Contributions: \$2,724.72 (deposits over June, July, and October).
Krispy Kreme Revenue: \$1,872
 - **Account Status:**
6 accounts have a balance of \$0 or negative
 Accounts with positive balances but no activity during last month:
Big Box (\$1,342.81), Hero Burger (\$395.32) & Parent Involvement (\$1,816.70)

5.4 Teacher's update ()

- Shared following Academics and Co-curricular Summary:
Remembrance Day Assembly: Virtual event this year, led by Katy and Jamie S.
- **Healthy Snack Program:** Snack bins are provided in every classroom and refilled every Monday. Parents were informed before the program started; Organized by Rachel A., Katy, Jason, Student Senate, and student volunteers
Activities and Clubs:
 - **Primary Choir:** Led by Jason and Winnie, with Mr. Brik teaching primary classes
 - **Winter Concert:** Scheduled for December 12
 - **Senior Volleyball:** Boys' team coached by Kelly & Megan; girls' team by Gord.
 - **Primary Games Club:** For Grade 1 and 2 students, running in January and February (organized by Bowman)
 - **Flag Football and Cross Country**
 - **Senior Band, Junior Band, and Bell Choir**

- **Cardio Club:** Upcoming activity
- **Academics:** Includes Beaver Computing Competition, Progress Reports
- **Other Activities:** Tchoukball intramurals, Grade 7 Kelso trip, and Grade 8 Muskoka trip

6. Follow-up on items from last meeting (Devanshi):

6.1 Council Vacancies

- Voting of Harneet onto council as Parents Rep; **motion** put forth by Deevanshi and it was seconded by Sara
- 3 positions of SC are still vacant: Fundraising, PIC and Parent Representative

6.2 Lunchbox Kick off

- Shared Lunchbox Report
- Discussed having an option of chicken from Hero burger
- Proposed changing Lunchbox rep for smoother coordination in future

6.3 Annual Fundraising Plan

- On Oct 28th Annual Fundraising Plan was shared with Principal/ VP

7. Fundraising Update (Kaamini)

- Shared update on Plantables, a Green/ Winter fundraiser
- Proposed date: December 5th, Communication will roll out by next Tuesday
- Nurseries were contacted, Terra was chosen based on best price

8. Events (Geetika)

Dance-a-thon

- Shared Danceathon's final date of December 6 with Blastoff Assembly on Nov 13 where cosmic store will be set up, more than 2 volunteers will be needed for the event day
- School Cash Online will be set up for Digital Copy, Donations and Cosmic Store
- Gained clarity on money collection protocol for such events: Homeroom Teachers will collect money and 2 council members will re-count cash and sign it off before depositing it in office
- For smoother and faster money collection, more than two cashboxes should be added
- Dona will share the schedule for event day, check if there is a ring being offered for donations above 25 dollars
- For information regarding teacher's name, class strength, logos and communication touch base with Julie

Fun fair

- Decide a date for Fun fair between June 10th and 12th. Dona will share a confirmed date after consulting with Tanya (a rain date is also required), Bubble cannon is highly recommended for the Fun fair

Yoga Night

- Presented Yoga Night Plan and inquired about the correct administrative process of picking a vendor
- Dona will confirm the administrative procedure for a vendor, regarding third party agreements and the agreement for fundraisers, MoU needs to be signed with vendors
- However, it can be approved by Principal if the amount is not above \$10k

9. New Initiative (Sara):

- In line with CRW Community's concerns raised with regards to the washroom conditions at school; discussed the possibility of initiating **Cleanliness Awareness Campaign** to educate students towards responsible usage of public spaces, such as washrooms.
- Discussed if CRW council could participate in such an initiative through designed posters for washrooms. Also, discussed the possibility of engaging teachers as part of the effort to create awareness for responsible usage of washrooms at public spaces.
- Dona confirmed that school admin will look into this matter themselves instead of council taking it up as a new initiative

10. Meeting adjourned by 7:30 pm

Next council meeting is on December 2, 2024.

Appendix – Prior Actions and Motion Records

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