

## CRW School Council Minutes for March 03, 2025

### In Attendance:

Devanshi Verma (V)	Aashima Sachdeva (V)	Geetika (V)
Sara Anwar (V)	Akila Daniel	Akila Daniel
Shesh Kumar		
	<b>tanya</b>	
Jason Adams	Tanya Ferro	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 March 3<sup>rd</sup> Agenda**

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

### **4. Approval of February 3<sup>rd</sup> Minutes**

- Motion** put forth by Geetika, seconded by Akila and approved by all

### **5. Reports**

#### **5.1 Principal's Report – given by Tanya Ferro (Principal)**

Attached as part of the agenda presentation

Lots of fun activities happening at CRW.

- Kids are enjoying snow outdoors. Teachers are trying to keep them safe.
- A new student-led club has been introduced in Grade 5. Beyblade Clubs under the supervision of a teacher.

- Other activities include but are not limited to junior volleyball, senior basketball, knitting club, mental health matters club etc.
- There is also a Talent show scheduled where everyone gets an opportunity to showcase their talent and skills. It's aimed only at students and will be held on March 06,2025.

### 5.2 Chair's Report (Devanshi)

- Lunchbox – The program is running smoothly; the school council will be looking for alternate possibilities for 2025-26.
- Feedback/Challenges from the parents:
  - Washroom concerns- Received complaints about the washrooms. As for Ms. Tanya Ferro, the complaint will be forwarded to the facilities. Shared responsibility is important. The student's teacher can be reached as well.
  - Kiss and ride- Parents are facing challenges especially during the snowy days. Ms. Ferro suggested leveraging the wee walkers. Staffing has been an on-going issue; the school is over capacity in terms of student enrolled. There are not enough resources to help. Ms. Ferro stated that cars will not be allowed to come inside as it poses a huge risk to students and their safety.
    - Dropping off is an issue, especially in winter. Wee walkers can be a possible solution.
    - Volunteering can be an option.
    - We cannot block the buses, by law.
  - Hold and Secure- Of hold and secure, the school didn't have one. In the last little while, if someone is struggling, the school wants to take plenty of caution, preserve the dignity – the students can come out and carrying out the activities. One day the police also arrived, however, it wasn't for the same concerns. They come for community outreaches.
- Rebook's initiative was successful- we made \$650 as a net profit. We received around 1000 books within a drive of 1 week. Funds available from them will go to school technology advancements.

### 5.3 Treasure Report (Devanshi on behalf of Kamini)

- Presented a **Financial Summary** for School Council (**February 2025**):
  - **Current Balance:** \$11,115.97 across 15 accounts (13 funds + 2 grants).
  - **SC Fund balance is \$3,513.31.**
  - **Angel fund balance is \$1,126.49**
    - **Expenses:** \$1500 requested towards Printed Canopy tent, council approved \$1342 through Big Box and remaining \$157 through Hero Burger.
  - \$250 requested towards Parachute for PE- The school council can help up to \$238 Hero Burger.
  - \$1500 requested towards PE Equipment; The council approved \$920 from fun affair, \$628 from Krispy Kreme and \$500 from SC Fund
  - \$750 requested towards Black history Month- School council approved \$750 from Danceathon.
- Staff Appreciation – Offering a lunch/tea as an appreciation once in a year. The funds might have come from crispy donuts or other fund-raising plan. Ms. Thompson will confirm.

#### **5.4 Teacher's update ()**

- Grade 8 are continuing with their pathway, robotics club, reports went home.
- Pro grant application status – \$500 is granted. The school will provide the update on what was done so far, and they will confirm if remaining \$250 will be supported. The funds will be deposited in the account on Aug 31,2025

#### **6. Follow-up on items from the last meeting (Devanshi, Sara, and Geetika):**

##### **6.1 Sound technology System:**

- 6.1.1 During discussion around sound technology system, Ms Ferro suggested that the projector needs to be moved.
- 6.1.2 The music teacher should be consulted to gauge his thoughts so that the funds can be effectively utilized.
- 6.1.3 The council discussed the possibility of organizing a movie night and leveraging speakers during this event. The principal reiterated that the speakers are fully functional however the gym walls are not set up for a movie like experience through those speakers.
- 6.1.4 The council and the school management also discussed that small microphones and headsets can be purchased to support the talent show.

#### **7. Events (Geetika)**

- Karoke night to be organized for the parents and students for the end of March evening. Ms Thompson will see if it can be organized on Friday.

#### **9. Spirits Wear (Geetika):**

- The school council has taken responsibility of the Spirits wear program. Ms. Thompson shared contact details for one of the vendors. Additionally, Julie will confirm the pre-approved vendors.

#### **10. PIC conference (shared by Sara):** Sara shared that PIC conference was a great learning experience, there was a keynote on dealing with failure, building upon that for the pro-grant linked to mental health, AI and STEM, Coding education.

#### **10. Meeting adjourned by 7:30 pm**

Next council meeting is on April 07, 2025.

Appendix – Prior Actions and Motion Records

