

CRW School Council Minutes for September 29, 2025

In Attendance:

Sabrina Nawaz (V)	Sreya Ghosh (V)	Sara Anwar (V)
Shaiza Ahmed (V)	Akila Jeesson Daniel (V)	Jit Mistry (V)
Lingyang, Chu (V)	Devanshi Verma	
(Teacher rep)	Tanya Ferro (Principal)	Donna Thompson (Vice Principal)

(V)= voting member

Tanya called the meeting to order.

1. Welcome & Introduction (Tanya)

The meeting opened with introductions and a welcome to all attendees. The **School Council members for the 2025–2026 school year were finalized** as follows:

- **Chair:** Sabrina Nawaz
- **Vice Chair & Treasurer:** Sreya Ghosh
- **Communications:** Sara Anwar
- **Secretary:** Shaiza Ahmed
- **Parent Involvement Committee (PIC) Representatives:** Akila Jeesson Daniel
- **Parent/Guardian Voting Representative:** Lingyang Chu, Jit Mistry
- **Events & Fundraising:** Position currently vacant – looking for a volunteer to fill this role

2. Review of the last Meeting & Minutes (Devanshi)

Went over the format of the meeting starting from land acknowledgement to familiarize the new council members.

3. Approval of September 29th, Agenda

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

4. Approval of _____, Minutes

Motion put forth by _____, seconded by _____ and approved by all

Reports:

5.1 Principal's Report – (Donna)

Reorganization:

The school has completed its annual reorganization process. The board determined the number of classes, and the final enrollment and class placements for this school year are now complete.

School Activities & Community: Students in Grades 2–5 attended the Water Festival last Friday, boys' and girls' volleyball games are underway, and the cross-country meet is scheduled for Monday. Mr. Ferguson has also started a new Leadership initiative, and it is encouraging to see our school community growing and welcoming new members.

Discussion – Capacity & Boundaries:

Questions were asked by parents and the School Council about whether a cap will be set on school capacity given the growing community. The decision to place a cap on school capacity is made by the school board.

Currently, there has not been a boundary review, which usually occurs periodically. If boundaries are impacted, the trustee becomes involved in the process.

Parents suggested that another school be built in the community. It was clarified that such a decision involves the Ministry of Education, requires planning and projections, and at this time no such plan has been shared.

5.2 Chair's / Treasurer Report (Devanshi)

Last year's Chair's Report was shared with the new council members to familiarize them with the initiatives and events that took place.

The Chair presented the financial summary for the previous year and current standing. The council made a net profit of \$15,070 last year, contributing to a total profit of over \$25,000, despite all council members being entirely new.

Funds raised were allocated to support some of the projects as listed below:

- Music resources
- Literacy kits
- School technology
- A new sound system for graduation
- Other new school projects

6. Fundraising Update (Tanya)

The principal distributed a sheet listing teachers request for School Council support. This included events and initiatives requiring fundraising, along with the estimated costs.

It was noted that a **Fundraising Plan** must be submitted later in the year, which will outline the events, fundraising goals, and the plan for execution.

Discussion – Overnight school trips.

Questions were raised about why the Grade 8 Muskoka overnight trip was not successful last year.

The principal confirmed that only **50% of students were interested**, while **85% participation and more is required** for a trip to move forward. The trip required approximately **\$6,000–\$7,000 in subsidies**, but funds were insufficient.

Additional concerns included:

- **Equity issues** (students with disabilities, inclusivity concerns)
- **Financial limitations**
- **Gender considerations**
- **Teacher resistance** to overnight trips due to supervision demands and logistical challenges

As a result, the school is moving away from overnight trips and will instead focus on offering **day trips** that are more inclusive and financially accessible.

7. Events (Donna / Divanshi)

- December 5th is the tentative date decided for Danceathon subject to vendor availability.
- It was suggested that the council hold a **Staff Appreciation Day** this year, as this event did not take place last year. Further discussion and planning will be required to determine the format, date, and budget.

8. Meeting adjourned by 7:30 pm

9. Next council meeting - November 10th, 2025

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