

## CRW School Council Minutes for April 13, 2026

### In Attendance:

Sabrina Nawaz (V)	Sreya Ghosh (V)	Sara Anwar (V)
Shaiza Ahmed (V)	Akila Jeesson Daniel (V)	Namrata Kalburgi (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."

#### 0. **Welcome & Introduction (Sabrina)**

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

#### 0. **Approval of April 13, Agenda**

**Motion** put forth by Jessica, seconded by Sara and approved by all

#### 0. **Approval of February 02, Minutes**

**Motion** put forth by Jessica, seconded by Sara and approved by all.

## **0. Principal's Report – (Tanya & Donna)**

### **Wizard of Oz School Musical**

The school musical, "Follow the Yellow Brick Road!", is taking place this week. Students are enthusiastic and participating in dress rehearsals. Over 100 students are involved in the production, with additional students helping with set design, costumes, and artwork. There will be 2 matinee and 2 evening performances available for families to attend. Students will also have the opportunity to watch the day performances with their classes.

### **Student Achievement**

Students completed another Common Task in Language and Math. Improvement in student achievement has been observed across grades. Small group instruction was implemented as a key strategy to support learning outcomes. Number talks were identified as the strongest strategy for math. Teachers planned and delivered three weeks of lessons using these strategies, followed by post-assessments that showed strong improvement. Partner reading was also highlighted as an effective strategy for improving oral reading fluency.

### **Safety**

Upcoming fire drills will be conducted over the next few weeks to ensure compliance with safety standards.

### **Extracurricular Activities**

Extracurricular programs continue to be well attended, and will continue through April, May and June.

### **School Initiatives**

The kindness campaign ran successfully and continues as an overall school focus. Students demonstrated kindness in both classroom settings and during recess.

## **0. Chair's Report (Sabrina).**

### **Frozen cookie dough drop fundraiser**

Cookie dough fundraiser pickup took place successfully on April 11. A total of 88 boxes were sold. Appreciation was expressed to volunteers who helped manage pickup.

### **Lunchbox Program**

The 4-day Lunchbox model continues to run well. Appreciation was extended to all **volunteers** who consistently step in to cover shifts.

**Spirit Wear**

Spirit wear graduate orders were distributed. There were 13 additional graduate orders in the latest round.

**Films.ca Movie Fundraiser.**

The movie and breakfast buffet event was a success, with 139 tickets sold. Appreciation was extended to council members, who helped organize and run the event.

**PIC PRO Event. (Sabrina & Sreya)**

The original March 26 date was changed to April 23 due to vendor availability issues. The new vendor is STEAMOJI. The vendor is not charging the council, leaving \$750 available for food and engagement. Sandwiches, drinks, coffee, and Timbits/donuts will be arranged.

Existing STEAM activity packs found in storage will be used as giveaways for the first 30 attendees who sign up and attend. The event will include hands-on STEM activities such as robotics and coding. The first 45 minutes will be for younger children, followed by an older age group session.

Maximum student participation is 108 students. Registration is required. Lifesize games and colouring activities may also be available while children wait. Additional art supplies would be needed, so the council needs to check with Julie on how these can be acquired using the PIC/ Council funds.

**Fun Fair & Rebook Sale**

The Funfair is scheduled for June 11. Council confirmed plans to proceed with another Rebook sale in connection with the Fun Fair. Books will be collected during May, with collection dates and deadlines to be finalized. Council discussed using donated books collected from families, sorting them in advance, and selling them at the Fun Fair, similar to previous events.

Council also discussed outreach to Garth Webb Secondary School for student volunteers. Contact was made with guidance counsellor Catherine Cabadet, who indicated that students would likely be interested. An email will be sent outlining the activities volunteers may assist with.

A public music licence for the event is being arranged. Contact has been made with the licensing body, and confirmation is pending regarding the correct form and fee. Use of the school AV system will also be required. Council discussed having school staff or teachers support event supervision or music management through volunteer sign-up blocks. This will be reviewed further to gauge teacher participation and better organize event support.

**0. Treasurer's Report (Sreya)**

The Treasurer reported the following funds raised over the past few months:

- Big Box Cards: \$916.93
- Lunchbox Program: \$2,203.00
- Movie Event: \$462.95
- Terracotta Cookies: \$501.00

Proposed allocations were presented as follows:

- Big Box Cards (\$916.93): Graduation
- Lunchbox Program (\$2,203.00): Technology
- Movie Event (\$462.95): Technology
- Terracotta Cookies (\$501.00): Literacy resources

Council reviewed and approved the proposed allocations. A motion to approve the distribution of funds to the above-mentioned allocations was raised by **Sabrina** and seconded by **Khaelea**. The motion was approved unanimously

#### **0. Parent Feedback Form**

Council discussed the possible creation of a Parent Feedback/Concern Google Form to provide parents with an additional avenue to submit comments or concerns, including anonymously if preferred. Members also discussed how responses would be monitored and managed. It was noted that parent attendance at council meetings continues to be limited despite regular communication and invitations; therefore, the form may provide another means for parents to voice their feedback. The proposal remains under consideration, with further discussion to take place at the next meeting.

#### **0. Teachers Rep (Tanya)**

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

#### **Additional Items Discussed:**

- Grade 1-3 class received a pizza party for raising the most through the Big Box fundraiser.
- Council welcomed **Namrata Kalburgi** as the new **Parent/Guardian Voting Representative**, replacing **Sandeepan Day**, the former parent representative

**Next council meeting – May 04, 2026**

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 <sup>th</sup>	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
Feb 02: Motion was passed to approve the agenda for February 02, school council meeting.	Jessica	Sara	All in favor
Feb 02: Motion was passed to approve the school council minutes for December 01.	Jessica	Sara	All in favor
April 13: Motion was passed to approve the agenda for April 13, school council meeting	Jessica	Sara	All in favor
April 13: Motion was passed to approve the school council minutes for February 02.	Jessica	Sara	All in favor
April 13: Motion was passed to approve the allocation of funds of amount \$ 4083.88 into various initiatives as listed in the minutes.	Sabrina	Khaelea	All in favor

