

Parent Council Meeting Minutes

Dec 4, 2025

Introductions – 6:31 pm

Attendees:

Linden A, Karen L, Melanie M, Maria S, Tracey V, Brian D, Tarsch B, Justin B, Mark F, Josh T, Ibeth A, Diane P, Joel L

Additions/Approval of Agenda

- The agenda was approved with the addition of the student report.
- A procedural issue regarding the timely posting of previous minutes was noted; the council will coordinate with administration to streamline this process.

Student Update

- Grade 10 student reported on the Student Wellbeing Symposium attended by six members of SWAT and SEAC on December 2nd.
- Based on school-based perception survey data, Crescent Heights is **above the Canadian norm for every statistic** reviewed.
- The student action plan will focus on boosting metrics related to **feeling safe at school** and building connections, particularly with incoming Grade 9 students.

Teacher Update

- New Spanish teacher noted the school is a welcoming space where all students seem to have "a spot to go to".
- Following the job action, the atmosphere for athletics has been successfully "rebooted," and all cancelled fall sports were revived.
- The Principal noted the staff's professionalism, emphasizing that **zero out of 100 staff members opted out** of their extracurricular commitments upon returning to work.

Principal's Report

- Principal Levit expressed **profound gratitude** for the event organized by community members to support teachers during the strike, calling it an unconditional act of citizenship that caused a major positive change in staff morale.
- A positive development resulting from the job action is the **cancellation of diplomas** for the current semester (Grade 12s) and high-stakes exams for Grade 10s and 11s in January, serving as a morale booster.
- The school fielded every single athletics team, including basketball, which was saved at the last minute by a new teacher, sponsoring the team.
- **Student Perception Survey Results (Nov 18th):** Results were all above the Canadian norm:
 - Sense of Belonging: 71% (Canadian norm 62).

- Self-Esteem: 77% (Canadian norm 65).
- Anxiety: 27% reported (Canadian norm 31).
- Depression: 25% reported (Canadian norm 34).

Parent Council Funding Requests & Decisions

- The Principal presented three high-priority funding requests totaling approximately **\$62,000**:
 1. **Mechanics**: Two new Hunter TCX51 CSTD tire changer machines (~\$40,000).
 2. **Fashion**: Industrial "Cobra" sewing machine and industry ironing boards (~\$20,000).
 3. **Drama**: Wireless headset system and new costumes (~\$2,000).
- The council holds roughly **\$100,000** in casino funds.
- Decision on the \$62,000 request was deferred to an **early January meeting** to allow the Principal to submit detailed funding proposal forms for evaluation of student impact and prioritization.
- **The council motioned, put forward by Justin T and seconded by Melanie M (motion passed)**, to approve an allocation of **up to \$2,000** from the General Account to host a mid-year teacher appreciation lunch, ideally during a scheduled Friday staff meeting.
- Criteria will be drafted for using remaining general funds (approximately \$9,000 after the appreciation lunch) to support **school spirit and community-building initiatives**.

Next Steps & Adjournment – 7:55 pm

- The Principal will finalize budget meetings and prepare detailed forms for the January meeting which is **To Be Determined**
- The annual school budget review for community transparency will occur in the spring.