

**Crescent Heights High School Parent Council Meeting Summary Date:** January 26, 2026  
**Time:** 6:30 PM – 8:11 PM **Chair:** Allison

Attendees:

Allison C., Linden A., Angela N., Josh T., Mark F., Melanie Mc., Doug M., Cheryl D., Cynthia C., Karen L., Mana S., Justin T., Beth R., Lisa M., Tracey V., Brian D., Joanna G., Kai, S., Sheldon D., Diane P., Joel L.

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting opened with a significant turnout of new parents. Attendees introduced themselves, with many having children in grades 10 and 11. The agenda for the evening and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Motion to approve previous meeting minutes, motion made by Joanna G., seconded by Justin T. Approved.

## 2. Teacher Updates: Funding Requests

Two teachers presented major funding requests for equipment upgrades and student athletics.

- **Athletics:** track/cross-country coach, requested **\$12,500** for 150 new Under Armour singlets. He noted that the current uniforms are 10 years old—well beyond the industry standard of five years. The track program is the school's most successful and is highly inclusive, operating as a "no-cut" team that attracts roughly 150 students from diverse backgrounds. While a replacement fee of \$10 per student has been implemented to make the program self-sustaining in the future, the current fund only holds \$3,115, which is insufficient for the full purchase.
- **Automotive Program:** requested a new tire machine and balancer to replace outdated equipment. He emphasized that current industry standards at SAIT and Skills Alberta require training on modern equipment. The requested Hunter-brand machines are valued for their durability and local serviceability. After negotiating a discount, the total ask for both machines was approximately **\$34,000**. It was noted that the program serves at least 300 students annually and the equipment is expected to last over 10 years.

## 3. Student Update

Assistant Principal Diane read a statement from a student leader regarding recent initiatives:

- **Social Media:** Two Instagram videos are in production to share school resources and senior student tips.
- **Community Support:** A "Take What You Need" motivational bulletin board was launched, and the December food drive collected 168 items for the Veterans Food Bank.
- **Fundraising:** \$78 was raised for the leadership team through popcorn sales.

## 4. Principal's Report

- **Semester Transition:** Semester 1 concluded with in-class assessments rather than formal finals. Joel noted that student engagement was challenging during the final week without the structure of exams.
- **Diplomas:** The Ministry of Education has indicated that diploma exams (weighted at ~30%) will return in June, though the council discussed the potential inequity for students who finished core subjects in the first semester without exams.
- **Staffing Updates:** Two Assistant Principals are on sick leave. They are currently covered by Mr. McNeel and Greg Bondie, a retired AP.
- **LEAD Program Grant:** The school received a grant to hire a teacher supporting Literacy, English, and Academic Development (LEAD) students. This role focuses on social-emotional literacy for refugee students who have had little to no formal education.

A major point of discussion was the addition of three new communities (Castle Ridge, Falcon Ridge, and Coral Springs) to the school's boundary starting in September 2026.

- **Capacity:** This change is expected to add **150–200 Grade 10 students**, bringing the school closer to ~1,800-students (current enrollment is 1,625).
- **Integration:** The council discussed ways to welcome these students, including a potential barbecue in September and possible student mentoring through the leadership program.
- **Fundraising Needs:** Joel identified a desperate need for a new scoreboard and upgrades to the drama theater electronics.

## 6. Financial Decisions and Motions

The Crescent Heights School Council considered the following matters presented by the Crescent Heights administration for submission to the Crescent Heights Parent Society for final approval:

- **Staff Appreciation (General funds):** A motion was passed to approve up to **\$1,500** for a staff breakfast and lunch (pizza and coffee) to take place the following day to recognize teachers' hard work during the semester transition.

Motion to approve staff appreciation, motion made by Melanie M., seconded by Beth R. Approved

- **Major Capital Allocations (Casino Funds):**
  - **\$34,000** for Auto Shop tire equipment, one tire machine and one balancing machine.
  - **\$21,000** for Fashion Studies sewing machine (capable of handling heavy materials/leather).
  - **\$12,500** for Track and Cross-Country singlets.
  - **\$2,500** for theater communication device upgrades.

Motion to approve the above capital allocations, motion made by Linden A., seconded by Melanie M. Approved.

The total approved allocation was up to **\$70,000**. The council emphasized the need for better long-term forecasting of jersey replacements and equipment needs across all departments to avoid "emergency" asks.

## **7. Other Business**

- **Athletic Uniforms:** A concern was raised regarding basketball teams sharing "sweaty" uniforms due to a lack of kits. Joel promised to investigate this further.
- **Bike-a-thon:** This annual event supporting the Children's Hospital Foundation is scheduled for late April. Last year, the school raised nearly \$40,000.
- **Graduation:** The ceremony is confirmed for the BMO Centre, followed by a banquet and dance.

**Adjournment:** 8:11 PM.