

Cranston School Parent Advisory Council Meeting 2026

205 Cranston Drive S.E. Calgary Alberta T3M 1E8

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February 17, 2026

Attendance: Bailey Martin, Jenna McLean, Shana Sothmann, Valerie Knight, Eniola Joseph, Babak Rostami, Gayon Cummings, Jennifer George, Andrea Bodley, Ryland Brennan, Aneeta Katongole, Chirag Valand

- 1. Call to Order: 6:30pm**
- 2. Acknowledgment of the Land – Andrea Bodley**
- 3. Chair Update** – Jenna McLean We have no updates at this time
- 4. Administration Update** - Jennifer George & Andrea Bodley

Cranston School Council Admin Report

Thank You:

- Thank you to the School Council Fundraising Society for providing us with the funds for our amazing sensory room. It was installed last week and is used many times a day. We look forward to showing everyone the space in person at our next face-to-face Council meeting in March.
- Thank you, Valerie, for attending/witnessing our lottery last week.

News and Notes:

- We would like to welcome Julie Apedoe to our lunchroom supervisor team. Julie was a parent at Cranston School for many years and is excited to return as part of our staff.
- Registration opened on January 12th and on February 11th we held our lottery. At the time of our lottery, we had 136 kindergarten registrations. Of those, 63 live in Cranston, and 73 live in Seton. We have space for 4 kindergarten classes for the fall. We also assigned lottery numbers to new registrations in grades 1 through 4 to determine the callback order for those who overflow to McKenzie Towne. All new registration families will hear of their acceptance or overflow status before the end of February.
- We held a torch relay through the school to kick off the 2026 Olympics and students have participated in a variety of learning activities in their classrooms and collaboratively as a school. Each grade is tracking the medals for a different country on a bulletin board display in the hub, and students are earning flames to put up on our torch wall for taking care of themselves, taking care of others, and taking care of the school. In addition, students have been bringing in boxes of cereal to donate to the Calgary Food Bank for our Champions Feed Champions Knock Down Hunger campaign.
- The online store for school clothing will be ready to launch tomorrow or the next day. To begin, we are selling Hoodies, Crew Neck Sweatshirts, and T-shirts in three colours (black, grey, blue) with the option of a full front screenprint or a left chest embroidery of

our full colour logo. The store will open every spring and fall with additional items added as appropriate. Ready to open February 18th

- Bhangra Dance Residency runs next Monday to Thursday. Students will participate in the residency during their regular gym time each day. Thank you School Council Fundraising Society for providing us with the funds for this residency!
- Calgary Opera will be performing at Cranston on March 5th. Thank you to the School Council Fundraising Society for providing us with the funds for this performance!
- Student-Led Conferences will be held during the day of Thursday, March 19th (for Kindergarten) and during the evening of March 19th for all grades as well as during the morning of Friday, March 20th for all grades. The conference booking system will open via MyCBE on the morning of March 9th.
- We are trying something different this year for our concerts. Spring Concert in the Park will take place on Monday, May 25th and will see all grades performing together on our back compound. This format has been implemented successfully at New Brighton School and allows whole families to attend without tickets in a fun, relaxing, picnic style event for all ages. Our hope is that School Council will consider booking food trucks for the evening to add to the festivities.
- Food trucks – same as last year (approx 5, more trucks)

Parent Engagement Presentation on School Development Plan and Fees

- Shared the CBE School Planning Slide Show populated with our school data. This slide deck, along with the feedback from tonight's engagement, will be posted on the "engagement" portion of our website by Spring Break

5. Key Communicator Update - Valerie Knight

6. Special Events Update - Bailey Martin, Valerie Knight, Ryland Brennan, Shana

- February Champions Feeding Champions - do we need to solicit cereal donations from Sobeys?
- Domino's Pizza Coupon update - 36 coupons remaining
- March - June events and planning (i.e., school dance, food trucks for Spring outdoor dance)
- Spring Concert – Food trucks
- Dance blocks – 2 time blocks older and younger
- School Dance dates available :
 - School Dance, blocked off for parent block week, Thursday May 14th
 - Welcome to Kindergarten
 - Cost for rental, DJ, decor, snacks/glowsticks - DJ for 3 hours \$525
 - Advertising – grade 4 students create posters?
 - Time(s) - one or two for different age groupings

- Volunteer requirements - tickets (printing, sales), advertising, decorating, chaperoning, clean up

7. Volunteer Update - All

Kernals – email sent to Stephanie , discuss next meeting due to time

List survey monkey with QR code to do an old school campagin to get more information for Parent Volunteers for council

- Will we need a call-out for volunteers for remainder of school months? Can use Sign-Up Genius for registration (Jenna and Stephanie have the login).
- Do we want to do a Council FYI backpack flyer to inform more parents about Council activities and upcoming fundraisers?

8. Questions/New Business

9. Next Meeting: March 17, 2026 6:30pm

10. Motion to Adjourn at 830 pm

1st - Bailey

2nd - Valerie