

Cranston School Parent Advisory Council Meeting 2026

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Cranston School Advisory Meeting

June 16, 2026

Council Attendance: Stephanie Andrews, Jenna Roy, Valerie Waddell, Gayon Cummings, Ryland Brennan (absent Liz Seegmiller)

Community members: Bailey Martin

Administration: Principal Jennifer George, Assistant Principal Andrea Bodley

1. Call to Order: 6:30pm

Motion to approve the May 19, 2026 minutes 1st Jenna 2nd Gayon

2. Acknowledgment of the Land - Principal George and Assistant Principal Bodley

3. Chair Update – Stephanie

4. Administration Update - Jennifer George & Andrea Bodley

- Whether helping at school events, organizing fundraisers, volunteering in classrooms, supporting School Council initiatives, preparing materials, chaperoning field trips, you continue to step in wherever help is needed, and your contributions make a meaningful difference to our students and staff. Many of the experiences that help make Cranston such a vibrant and welcoming school community are only possible because of the time, energy, and generosity of our volunteers.
- Spring Concert in the Park was a big success and the feedback from families was great. Thank you, Parent Council, for assisting with set up, parking arrangements, and food trucks.
- Along with being selected for a Classroom Complexity Team consisting of one teacher and two educational assistants, Cranston has been allocated 3 classroom teachers through the Government of Alberta's Class Size Reduction Grant.

This funding is specifically intended to help reduce class sizes in core subject areas (English Language Arts/French Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies), with priority given to schools experiencing the greatest class size pressures.

This decision was made using system-wide data that considers:

- The number of classes exceeding provincial class size benchmarks
- Projected enrolment and class organization
- School programming and grade configuration

The addition of these three positions will allow for:

- Additional homeroom in Grades 1, 3, and 4
- Increased teacher attention
- Improved classroom learning environments
- Greater support for diverse learning needs

5. Key Communicator Update - Valerie Knight

The most recent COSC meeting had information on the additional teacher initiatives, overall students in CBE has increased 1%, a new school in Evanston, continued efforts on how to increase capacity in higher grades, a note that junior high school kids are being impacted in math and reading.

There was a survey to councils on whether to have learning sessions on administering effective councils, engagement in the community, how to run meetings, etc.

6. Special Events Update - All

- **Art Card fundraiser** made \$2016! We will run again in October for December holidays.
- **Grade 4 Ice Cream Social** a success!
- **End of school Slurpee coupon** - date (do we need two dates for kindergarten?); volunteer needed for hand out? Wednesday June 24 for distribution. Jenna will message in the chat for help dividing coupons.
- **Meet The Teacher Night** - do we want to book food trucks?
 - Can't bring food into the school
 - Could have one truck at the far end of the parking lot as they can't leave if there are children in the parking lot - potentially Kona Ice and/or Ice Cream
 - Could do a scavenger hunt via QR code
- **Council to fund teacher dinner Sept 10.** Ryland to contact Sobeys (potluck earmarked for parent teacher interviews).

Motion to approve \$300 for Meet the Teacher meal

- 1st Val 2nd Jenna

7. Volunteer Update - All

- None

8. Questions/New Business – All

- Alberta School Councils Association Membership renewal - Stephanie to follow up
- Priorities for 2026/2027 Council and Society for discussion going into next school year (not decision).
 1. **Financial forecasting** - will require a list of all funding asks for the school year (for previous ~5 years), categorized and presented as lump asks.
 - September meeting is AGM, so we can prep this to be done after the AGM in September, or have approvals done in October (with new council/society members).
 - Idea for attendance promotion: Attend the AGM and have your name in a draw (for a piece of school clothing, etc).
 - Submit names in advance for election positions - add this to weekly communication.
 - Current council to meet offline to discuss.
 - **Casino school years** (2026, 2028, etc.) will not have another fundraiser during the year but will have social events. Non-casino school years can have a fundraiser if funds are required. This is to support community volunteers and prevent burnout.
 2. **Council and Society communication and adherence to CBE** - will need to ensure all school-sanctioned communications, social media pages, web posts, etc. are in alignment with CBE protocol.

Will need to decide on branded materials (e.g. the use of AI), and what official outlets will be useful to our community (e.g. Council Instagram page).

Note: the Cranston School Community Facebook page is not a CBE-sanctioned page, and is not the School Council/Society page.

Guidelines around communication when posting/replying on behalf of School Council/Society.

3. **September AGM** - Should we look at having the AGM start earlier and the regular meeting (with new council) afterwards to accommodate the longer meeting times; or AGM and special new meeting on a separate date?

9. Next Meeting: September 15, 2026 6:30pm

10. Motion to Adjourn at 7:55pm

1st - Val

2nd - Gayon