

Cranston School Fundraising Society Meeting 2025

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

Cranston School Advisory Meeting

November 18, 2025

Attendance: Stephanie, Bailey, Liz, Jenna, Ryland, Jennifer, Andrea, Val

Zoom members: Ashley F, Phillip S, Stephanie A, Sulaiman B, Nadia E, Niharika, Gordon U, Adesola B, Salma B, Gayon C

1. Call to Order: 7:11pm

Motion to approve September 16 minutes. 1st Val, 2nd Ryland

Motion to approve September 16 AGM minutes. 1st Jenna, 2nd Bailey

2. Chair Update – Stephanie Andrews

We performed an emergency vote to approve funds for the teachers/school staff return treats after the strike.

3. Treasurer Update - Gayon Cummings

Oct 2025 month end:

Parent Council Account balance: \$14,481.97

Classroom Enhancement: -\$1,548.50

Advisory Council Available Funds: \$12,933.47

Major Fundraising Casino Account balance: \$80,450.87

2024 - 2025 School Year Busing: -\$4,366.64

2025 - 2026 School Year Busing: -\$7,000.00

Bhangra Dancers: -\$3,000.00

Program Enhancement: -\$2,500.00

Major Fundraising Available Funds: 63,584.23

4. Administration Requests - Jennifer George & Andrea Bodley

From last year, instead of paying for already pre-approved bus funds, if they could spend the money on Royal Tyrell Museum virtual field trip instead. School was reimbursed by Tyrell museum. \$1450 for busing was approved, and we were reimbursed.

Wish List Requests

Advisory Funds

- Movie licenses (annual) - Expires Dec 18th - \$792.75, we need this to stream movies in the school.

Motion to approve - 1st Ryland, 2nd Jenna

- Pixtar App - \$1296+gst for the license. It helps to design and build comics for story boarding. To come out of casino funds. **Motion to approve** - 1st Jenna, 2nd Bailey

- Calgary Opera 2026 - Little Red Riding Hood - we are trying to negotiate a date, cost is \$1,150 if we are able to secure a date. **Motion to approve** - 1st Val, 2nd Bailey

- Welcome to kindergarten packages - we will table this because it's a long way out, admin will work out numbers. These are given out before the end of the school year.

- Staff appreciation dinner during Teacher Conference (Nov. 27) - instead of spring appreciation, we think it would be helpful to have this before conferences instead. School is very limited budget for this (\$5-\$8) per teacher. 31 teachers for the evening. We don't want support staff and ed assistants to be excluded from staff dinner, so we would like to offer them a treat or coffee earlier in the day for them. We will reach out to A&W and Sobeys for some options and see if we can get donations. 18 support staff would be here during the day and will not be here in the evening. We will do an **emergency vote once we have numbers.**

- Book Fair - 3 books/class - Ms. Jackie will coordinate - teachers do a wish list each year. In the past, the teachers would get 1 book per classroom. If the teachers have their wish list, and it is not filled, we would like

council to buy up to 3 books from their wish list, so that every classroom at least gets some books from the book fair. We will wait until after so we know the number, and **hold a vote at the next meeting.**

- Spring concert flowers x 2 - Mrs McBride is given a bouquet at each concert as a thank you. **Will vote on this next meeting.**
 - Bus driver appreciation (Mar. 18) - School is not allowed to buy gift cards. Jennifer and Andrea buy the a \$10 gift card on their own for the bus drivers. **Will vote on this at next meeting**
 - Remaining task carts for all Grade 1 & 2 classes - 6 carts remaining; these were built by support staff over the string. They are filled with individual tasks for students to complete. Idea is to have a task bin in all of the grade 1 and 2 classrooms. Carts are \$50 each at Michaels, plus bins and items. \$450 to complete this.
- Motion to approve** - 1st Bailey 2nd Liz

Casino Funds

- Brainstorming big ticket items that are going to need replacing:
- Replace aging sound system in gym - will have quote from CBE
- Update of sensory room - Ms George will get quote on supplies - many schools are updating their sensory rooms. Ours right now has some gym mats on the floor, a bean back, string lights, and a shelf with some toys. It's a quieter space, but not what a sensory room should be. The idea is to help regulate children who need a quiet space where they can go with an adult. You can buy components like a cubicle that is installed and plugs in, and the walls have all sorts of different features like water, lights etc.

5. **Casino Coordinator Update** - Ryland Brennan

Nothing

6. **Fundraising Coordinator Update** - All

Ryland and Bailey are going to talk about fundraising options and we will talk about it at the January meeting. Val wants to be involved by helping gather more volunteers and parent engagement to help with these things.

7. **Questions/New Business**

None

8. **Next Meeting:** January 20, 2026 - online only

9. **Motion to Adjourn 8:17pm** 1st Bailey 2nd Val