

Cranston School Parent Advisory Council Meeting 2026

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

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January 20, 2026

Attendance: Stephanie Andrews, Emily Kinkade-Speight, Walid Shssan, Shana Sothmann, Adekunle Adeosun, Edam, Gayon Cummings, Niharika, Liz, Jenna McLean, Valerie Knight, Bailey Martin, Saidu Shaibu, Andrea, Nazir Iqbal, Ryland Brennan, Ambanaku Narach, Kara, Andrea Bodley, Jennifer George

1. Call to Order: 6:34pm

Acknowledgment of the Land.

2. Special Presentation - Active & Safe Routes to School Program Update from Emily Kinkade-Speight

- This school year has had the highest school involvement, with 18 schools participating.
- Emily will present the initiatives which require external reviews and approvals (i.e. City of Calgary) and will liaise with Cranston School Administration for implementation.
- Internal initiatives (e.g. safety video) can be executed by Cranston School staff and students.
- Special kudos to Ryland for gathering data on his personal drop off data-adventure, proving that following the rules will actually save you an hour of time per year!

Safety Moment

Date	Temp (C)	Conditions	Sunrise (am)	Time of Departure (School) (am)	Time of Arrival (Work)(am)	Travel Time (m)	Average
17-Nov-25	-1	Passing Clouds	7:56	7:30	7:53	23	
18-Nov-25	-2	Passing Clouds	7:58	7:20	7:41	21	
19-Nov-25	-4	Fog	7:59	7:19	7:40	21	20.6
20-Nov-25	-5	Passing Clouds	8:01	7:28	7:50	22	
21-Nov-25	4	Mostly Cloudy	8:02	7:00	7:16	16	
Second							
15-Dec-25	-1	Passing Clouds	8:33	7:17	7:40	23	
16-Dec-25	-3	Passing Clouds	8:34	7:20	7:47	27	
17-Dec-25	-2	Fog	8:34	7:21	7:38	18	24.8
18-Dec-25	-11	Overcast	8:35	7:30	7:55	25	
19-Dec-25	-17	Fog	8:36	7:00	7:31	31	
05-Jan-26	-18	Fog	8:38	7:38	8:02	24	
06-Jan-26	0	Passing Clouds	8:38	7:31	7:55	24	
07-Jan-26	-8	Passing Clouds	8:38	7:39	8:01	22	23
08-Jan-26	-8	Passing Clouds	8:37	7:38	8:01	23	
09-Jan-26	-11	Passing Clouds	8:37	7:17	7:39	22	

Whole Average (m):
22.7

Difference (m): (s)
0.3 18

Assuming 181 Instructional days, **not following the rules only saves an average of 54.3 Minutes** of commuting time over the course of a whole school year.

If you could make **EVERY SINGLE CHILD** in the school be safer with **UNDER AN HOUR OF CONCERTED EFFORT a year** - wouldn't you do it?

To my shame, I didn't.

But I do now.



3. Chair Update – Stephanie Andrews/Jenna McLean

- Welcome back to the school year and to 2026! Looking forward to an exciting remainder of the year with our Cranston staff and students.

4. Administration Update - Jennifer George & Andrea Bodley

Thank you to School Council:

- Thank you for the amazing food provided to staff on Thursday of the November conferences!
- Thank you to the volunteers who helped out with the book fair and to school council for making sure that every teacher received some of their wish list books for the classroom.
- EA, Ms. Ballard retired from the CBE at Winter Break. We would like to welcome Ms. Joanne Boe who started with us in an EA role on January 5th
- We have filled the two vacant lunch supervision positions left when Ms. Jackie took on additional Learning Commons hours and Ms. Van der lind took on additional office hours. We would like to welcome Ms. Nathalie Mota who started with us this week. The second new staff member will be formally introduced next meeting as we are still awaiting HR paperwork to be processed. We anticipate that they will begin with us in the next couple of weeks.

Updates:

- Next year “new to CBE” registration opened Jan. 12th. We already have close to 120 kindergarten registrations!
- We are a lottery school again this year for students living in Seton. Grade 4 students living in Seton will be a part of the Dr. George Stanley School lottery for a grade 5 spot. Those who are not successful in securing a spot at Cranston will be overflowed to our second overflow school, McKenzie Towne and those who are not successful at securing a spot at Dr. George Stanley School for grade 5 will be overflowed to McKenzie Highlands.
- We have a new logo and will be launching an online store soon, set up by Calgary Silk Screen! Families will have the opportunity to purchase T-shirts, Hoodies, and Crew Neck Sweatshirts in Black, Blue, and Grey with our full 6 colour logo in screenprint or embroidery. The store will be open twice a year going forward (Spring and Fall).
- Provincial Early Years Assessments are happening now in Grades K-3
- Cranston Olympics coming Feb. 6-20 with a special “Champions Feed Champions, Knock Down Hunger” challenge. Stay tuned!
- January 30th non instructional day and Feb 12th and 13th teacher’s convention

5. Key Communicator Update - Valerie Knight

COCSC meeting is January 21 - update will be provided at February’s Council meeting.

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

- Council proposes to move the Read-a-Thon to a fall 2026 event to obtain sponsors and prizes and ensure sufficient organization and communication.
- February has Champions Feeding Champions event and Olympic activities.
- March could potentially have a fundraising activity, e.g pizza coupon.
- Council will address the remaining school months and activities during the February meeting.

7. Volunteer Update - All

- Addressed above in Special Events Update.

8. Questions/New Business

None.

9. Next Meeting: February 17, 2026 7:00PM

10. Motion to Adjourn at 8:09pm

1st - Valerie

2nd - Jenna