

Crescent Heights High School Council

September 21, 2026

Attending:

Allison C., Cynthia C., Melanie Mac., Brian D., Justin T., Scott F., Kal S., Karen L., Awca D., Kurt T., Alynne T., Andrea V., Aleisha A., Kristina P., Joanna G., Linden A., Joel Leavitt, Nicole S., Alicia I.

1. Meeting Opening & Overview

The first meeting of the Crescent Heights High School Parent Council for the 2026–2027 academic year. Chaired by Alison C. with administrative representation from Principal Joel Leavitt.

2. Student Leadership Presentations

Student representatives presented on ongoing initiatives led by the Student Action Team and the Chief Superintendent's Student Advisory Council.

- Crescent Closet & Community Outreach: Supplying essential clothing, backpacks, and Calgary Transit bus passes to students in need. A student-led Thrift Fair is planned to distribute donated items and groceries directly to families.
- Exam Support & Snack Program: Featuring grab-and-go snacks, fidget items, and motivational notes (funded via weekly bake sales), SWAT will expand the breakfast snack program to cover all exam days in both January and June.
- Graduation Fundraiser: at the Organized rose sales at the graduation ceremony that completely sold out within 30 minutes. Inventory will be expanded for the upcoming graduation.

3. Staff & Specialist Presentations

Indigenous Student Graduation Coach — Nicole S.

Nicole Scott provided an update on Indigenous student programming, supporting 80–85 Indigenous students at Crescent Heights, with significant growth in Grade 10 enrollment.

- Buffalo Lodge: Located near the art room, the Lodge houses a teepee and offers daily morning smudging during tutorial time.
- Community Partnerships & Elders: Hosts bi-weekly 'Honoring Life' sessions. Elders guide students and assist teachers in embedding Indigenous perspectives into science and drama.
- Truth & Reconciliation Day: Leadership students are constructing a four-part holistic visual mosaic and orange-shirt banner alongside classroom Elder visits.

Assistant Principal Portfolio — Alicia I.

Assistant Principal Alicia I. introduced her role (managing students P–Z and overseeing Math, Science, Languages, and Specialized Settings) and reviewed specialized classroom cohorts:

- Mental health support and academic stabilization; 2 cohorts (capped at 15 each).
- Bridges: Behavioral regulation and social-emotional skills; 1 cohort (capped at 15).
- LEAD: English language acquisition for ELL/refugee students with minimal formal education; 2 cohorts (currently 21 students).
- PLP (Paced Learning): Functional life skills and independence for low-cognitive learners; 1 cohort.

4. Principal's Report — Joel Leavitt

- Enrollment: Current enrollment stands at 1,700 students (+100 over last year), with projections reaching 1,900–2,000 in upcoming years (building capacity is ~2,200). All teaching positions are fully staffed.
- School Development Plan: Entering Year 3 of 3, prioritizing fair outcomes-based assessment and task design tailored for second-language learners.
- Calgary Police Service: Participating in an intensive community blitz featuring Constable Marquee and Sergeant Birdie to foster positive police-community relationships.
- Transit & Busing: Addition of northeast communities (Castle Ridge, Falcon Ridge, Coral Springs) requires 40+ minute transit commutes. Due to traffic delays, administration maintains a welcoming stance for late arrivals rather than issuing penalties.
- Building Safety: Exterior doors lock at 9:15 AM daily with 70+ interior/exterior security cameras active. Classroom cell phone regulations are strictly enforced, and bathroom vaping checks have successfully reduced infractions.

5. Financials & Casino

- Upcoming Casino: The Parents Association's next major fundraising casino is scheduled for Q1 2027 (January–March window).

6. Formal Motions & Executive Council Elections

The following formal motions, administrative approvals, and executive council elections were conducted and recorded during the September 21, 2026 meeting:

- Approval of September 2026 Agenda: Moved by Cynthia C; seconded by Andrea V; carried.
- Approval of June 2026 Minutes: Moved by Brian D.; seconded by Linden A.; carried.
- Election of Chair—Allison C.: Moved by Joanna G.; seconded by Melanie M.; carried.
- Election of Vice Chair—Justin T.: Moved by Melanie M.; seconded by Awca D.; carried.
- Election of Secretary—Linden A.: Moved by Awca D.; seconded by Allison C.; carried.
- Election of Treasurer—Scott F.: Moved by Brian T.; Joanna G.; carried.

- Election of Key Communicator—Anka: Moved by Allison C.; seconded by Justin T.; carried.

2026–2027 Executive Council Roster:

- **Chair:** Allison C.
- **Vice Chair:** Justin T.
- **Secretary:** Linden A.
- **Treasurer:** Scott F.
- **Key Communicator:** Awca D.
- **Casino Coordinator:** Jeannette Z. (continuing position)

Adjournment of Meeting 8:00 PM