

HPAS Official Council Meeting Agenda

ALL PARTICIPANTS: Meeting Preparation

Please read all attached reports and the previous meeting minutes **in advance**.
Come prepared to discuss and make decisions - reports will not be read aloud.
Minutes will record **discussion, decisions, and action items**.

Date: October 27, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Location: HPAS Staff Room

Virtual option: <https://meet.google.com/ahx-oeat-oyz?hs=224>

1. Land Acknowledgement

Co-Chair: Julia Swaigen

2. Welcome & Introductions

Co-Chair: Heather Phillips

- Welcome & introductions
- Review meeting structure
 - Minutes will focus on discussions, rather than the items
 - Elle will be managing the online portion / participation
 - We will focus on discussions, questions and decisions, rather than going over what was shared in the reports, as a prioritization of time
 - Squirrel

3. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes

Co-Chair: Heather Phillips

[Previous Meeting Minutes \(Sept. 29\)](#)





Motion to approve: Elle

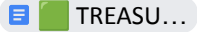
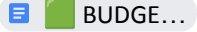
Seconded by: Diana

4. Reports (Pre-Submitted)



(All reports are linked and should be reviewed before the meeting.

Only discussion items or follow-ups will be covered live.)

Report & Link	Presenter	Meeting Notes
<p>Admin</p> <p>  ADMIN ...</p>	<p>Jummi / Nataliya</p>	<p>For Parent-Teacher interviews, the booking system will open on Nov. 3rd (same online system as last year)</p> <p>The budget is based on the number of students. The budgets allocated to each school can be seen on the TDSB website.</p> <p>Some necessary / mandatory items are not allocated in the board provided budget. For example, this year the IT department mandated computers be fixed but they are not fixable so they need to be replaced. This is \$7,000 of the school budget expenses but is not included.</p> <p>Proposed funding is broken down in THIS chart. Items that are shared between HPAS and ASPS are broken down so that HPAS pays 25% of the cost.</p> <p>Bussing costs have increased. Last year we went over budget by \$9000 (at HPAS). The staff are asking for bussing support (not for all costs).</p> <p>Discussion / Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Q: Is this funding request unusual?<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A: The technology needs (teacher laptops and the change in 1:1 device program) is specific to this year. Also, bussing costs have increased significantly recently.- How are Chromebooks being used?- Q: If we want to include more of these items/requests in our budget, can we amend our budget being proposed currently?<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A: Yes <p>**Jummi - please make the file accessible outside of TDSB?</p>
<p>Teacher</p> <p>  TEACH...</p>	<p>Joanne & Betty</p>	<p>CCAT and Community Circle successes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Kindies were in Ravina, which started a larger exploration of leaves in the classroom- Other classes went to High Park and did nature art <p>New Club: Student newspaper (student initiated)</p>

		<p>Continuing to figure out where volunteers can help support classes and for collaboration</p> <p>A December concert/performance is being planned (music, drama, etc.). It will be on Tuesday, December 9th. (Annette's is on the 10th)</p>
<p>Treasurer</p> <p></p>	<p>Joanne</p>	<p>The amount of money in the bank is unchanged from the given/reported budget.</p>
<p>Budget & Planning Committee</p> <p></p>	<p>Heather Julia Joanne</p>	<p>Decisions were made including parent survey sent out, organizing volunteers for different aspects of planning.</p> <p>Community was a big focus that came out of surveys.</p> <p>Traditional fundraisers are pizza lunch, Flip Give (not profitable but low maintenance), Spirit Wear, Mabels Labels, Coffee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flip Give plug will happen in future communications - We have dreamed big this year (which aligns well with increased funding needs) but this means getting more serious about sponsorship opportunities, a bigger responsibility for council, and more participation from the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HPAS reads is a palace where we can grow (expanding to the community, more authors, etc.) - We already have a Real Estate company interested in partnering - A complimentary event to the ASPS Fun Fair. For example, an event on a nearby side street that might focus on food and drinks, permitted through the city so not on TDSB property. - Sponsorship money is not accounted for in the budget (so would be a bonus) but will be required to make many of these dreams happen - Petti Fine Foods hot lunch possibility. They are keen to get approved as a TDSB vendor. We will work on this once that happens. - There are thoughts about collaborating with ASPS on lower ticket item events, such as a movie night - Instead of using one of a second movie night using our second permitted on site access, there are thoughts of a coffee house type of event instead - Q: Can we have purchasable tickets for a winter concert? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A: We won't charge (re: accessibility/inclusivity) but could do the envelope fundraiser here. (Kick it off, or do a "church style" envelope system.) - The current working budget does not currently include the \$5000 for Chromebooks so we need to discuss that now.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There are some community concerns about technology use in the classroom. - Should we have a process to discuss concerns and then decide? - Timeline - There are carts for younger students, so shared class access - The grade 6s have them, as do the 7s and 8s - This is a discussion about grade 5s having 1:1 access to technology in a similar way to the 6-8s - Student (Leif) sharing: Danielle has some computers available for students who do not have one. We do have projects such as a science project where they are creating slideshows and a big writing assignment - This is a perfect storm re: budget because of both grade 5 needs and teacher needs - Q: What about bringing personal devices to school? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A: Our network will not allow personal devices to connect - If we want to decide on this later, we would have to have an official meeting later to vote it in. - Could we include it in the budget (and adjust accordingly) but put a caveat that we want to discuss / engage in discussion before implementation? - How can we have parent discussion / engagement about technology use (volume and how it is supervised)? - Other than access concerns, there are concerns about spending a large amount of money on something that doesn't have longevity. - The school will keep any laptops that aren't being taken by current Grade 8s to high school - 3 issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parent concerns about technology use at school - Longevity concerns about this expense - The decision to fund this - Leif: Where do the chromebooks go when they graduate from high school? Could they be given to us? - Could we run 2 envelope fundraisers simultaneously? One for tech specifically? - These would be a classroom set, not 1:1 - Currently there is one class set (the cart) for grades 1 - 5 - Not having access does not impact the primary students very much - For junior students (grades 4 and up) it does affect them - M: Not having laptops, and having laptops that can be monitored is a problem. So, providing laptops could be a good idea, but also having a discussion about monitoring tools being used, and if they're not sufficient, how we can adjust/help this. Not funding it doesn't sound like the best solution right now. - Solving for the immediate problem today (grade 5s) as well as, secondly, solving for the larger discussion piece of how tech is being used, and thirdly, the longevity of the program
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Danielle’s class uses GoGuardian consistently. Student rep shares that it is not super difficult to get around. Danielle cannot be helping a student and monitoring at the same time. - How much are Chromebooks adding vs how much are they complicating things for the classroom / learning / classroom teacher? Let’s question the base assumption of technology enhancing learning. Do benefits outweigh the risks? - Proposal: Consider voting on the budget in the current form, with a commitment to revisit this shortly and potentially revise with this budget item in mind. We would have to (according to ByLaw) have an adhoc meeting to vote on this specific decision. - Student share: Based on how we are using, we don’t necessarily need them. We could have it written on a board, etc. It would be easier to keep it with tech as it is but if we want to avoid the risks, we don’t need to - Student share: For the future of the students we need to have tech (because companies are going in that direction) - Options for motions are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Approve budget as is - Approve as is with caveat of reconvening after imminent public (before mid-November) consultation and potentially rejugle budget - Approve budget including \$5000 caveat of public consultation before implementation - J: dLoathe to approve pieces with Babiak (realtor) because they are not certain, and we likely we won’t see that money until next year BUT if it does go through it would allow for this increase easily
<p>Communications Committee</p>   COMM...	Elle	<p>Most of this will be moved to a further meeting.</p> <p>Only discussion point for now, is to liaise with Betty about student contribution to newsletter (connect with student Newspaper group)</p>

5. Discussion & Decision Items

Co-Chair: Heather Phillips

*(Includes topics for discussion, guest presentations, and any Items that require group discussion or motions. **These should be identified in advance.**)*

Item & Presenter/	Notes / Attachments	Decision / Action	VOTING
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Guest			
MOTION to approve the 2025-26 budget (Joanne)	MOTION: For Council to approve the 2025–2026 Operating Budget as presented, including all new and updated events and programming as outlined. Council authorizes the Treasurer and committee leads to manage these funds in accordance with the approved budget.	Amendments: Budget passing as is, BUT with a commitment to revisit the budget item for Chromebooks by mid-November (and re-do budget for a revote as needed)	Motion passed Jon abstained
MOTION re: organizing storage room (Heather)	Storage Room Inventory and declutter. MOTION: To inventory and organize School Council Storage Room and remove any items that are not longer in use.		Motion passed
DECISION on backup secretary (Sonia)	We need a backup secretary, to take meeting minutes in the event Sonia is absent		
DISCUSSION on collaboration between council and staff (Lillian)	Discuss collaboration (joint council-teacher initiatives, council support for teachers, etc.)		
DISCUSSION of new communication strategy (Elle)	A walkthrough of our new communications strategy as a council.		
CORRESPONDENCE Letter from MPP Alexa Gilmour (Bill 33) Shared for information only	The letter is available for anyone who would like to review it. Letter on Bill 33 - High Park Alternative P.S. Parent Council.pdf		

6. Upcoming Events & Dates

Communications: Elle

Event	Date	Notes / Lead
Halloween Parade	October 31st	Council Coffee available
Sparkplug Coffee Fundraiser	On until Nov 16	https://sparkplug.coffee/support-hpas
Type Fundraiser	Nov 29	Direct to Teacher
Big Chill	January 2026	We need to find a new venue (George Bell is closed atm)

6. Action Items & Follow-Up

Co-Chair: Julia Swaigen

(Secretary to update after meeting)

Action Item	Assigned To	Due Date	Status
Task 1			Open/Done
Task 2			

7. New Business / Open Floor

Co-Chair: Heather Phillips

(Items raised after agenda was circulated; brief discussion or note for future agenda)

8. Next Meeting

Co-Chair: Heather Phillips

- **Date: January 28th, 2026**
- **Report Submission Deadline: 1 week prior Date: January 21st, 2026**
**From Admin, Chairs and all Committees.*
- **Chair/Admin Prep Meeting: 4–7 days prior Date: January 22, 2026**
- **Agenda Shared: 3–5 days prior Date: January 23, 2026**

9. Adjournment

Co-Chair: Heather Phillips

Motion to Adjourn: Diane

Seconded by: Sonia

Notes for Secretary:

Students: Students have signed up, as either childcare support, council participation, or both 12 students were interested, and we will rotate throughout each meeting so they can be involved. In future, students will have a report that they can share.

TREASURER REPORT:

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HPAS School Council - Treasurer Report

Prepared by: Joanne Huber

Meeting Date: October 27th, 2025

1. Account Summary

Account Summary		
Account Summary	Balance	Notes
Main Account	\$9769.220	
Other Accounts / Sub-funds	\$3000.00	Estimate

2. Recent Transactions

Recent Transactions			
Date	Description	Amount (+/-)	Notes
10/20	Expense - CHQ 44	- \$744.12	Teacher Wishlist 24/25
10/20	Expense - CHQ 32	- \$32.00	HPAS Haunt 24/25
10/17	Expense - CHQ 41	- \$320.25	HPAS Reads 24/25
10/17	Expense - CHQ 42	- \$493.50	Pizza Lunch - Oct
10/14	Expense - CHQ 36	- 124.30	Play Day 24/25

3. Budget Overview

Budget Overview			
Category	Budgeted	Spent to Date	Remaining
1- Pizza Lunch	\$5200.00	-\$493.50	4706.50

4. Upcoming Financial Items

- -\$493.50 - Pizza Lunch November
- +\$9524.25 - Pizza Lunch SCO
- +590.75 - HPAS Reads SCO
- +98.83 - Mabel's Labels 2024/25 fundraiser
- +90.00 - Cash/HPAS Reads day of pizza sales, late Yearbook payment
- Total of four items above: \$10303.83 has been prepared for deposit, and is currently in the school safe awaiting pick up.
- \$91 from 24/25/Community Circle Coffee sales will not be included in the first deposit.
- Other expenditures depend on approval of 2025/26 Budget, but will include \$493.50 December Pizza Lunch, \$493.50 January Pizza Lunch, and will likely include venue booking and other preparatory expenses for The Big Chill, various Teacher Wishlist and School request expenses, Coffee Social expenses and more. Please check out the budget for details.

5. Motions / Approvals Needed

- [2025/26 Budget](#)

Prepared: October 22nd, 2025

Next Update: January 28th, 2026