

HPAS Official Council Meeting Minutes

Date: January 28, 2026

Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

In Person Location: HPAS Staff Room.

Childcare will be provided by our grade 7 & 8 student leaders in the next room.

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Meeting ID: 216 038 851 019 08

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1. Land Acknowledgement

Co-Chair: Julia Swaigen

2. Welcome & Introductions

Co-Chair: Heather Phillips

- Welcome & introductions
- Review meeting structure

3. Approval of Agenda and Previous Minutes

Co-Chair: Heather Phillips





[Link to Previous Minutes \(Oct. 27, 2025\)](#)



Motion to approve: Sonia

Seconded by: Steph

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	Notes
Admin   ADMIN REPORT	Jummi / Nataliya	<p>EQAO results summary included in admin report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is a plan for co-planning teacher time to support skills based on needs identified in the results and student survey. (also linked, see notes below) - Teachers are also focusing on displaying the thinking and process, and to co-create success criteria with students. <p>CLIMATE SURVEY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Done will all students. - Objective: is there a correlation between students who are underachieving and feelings of not belonging. - There is a plan for release time for teachers (and admin) to share strategies and work on supporting flagged students. - Some suggestions from students include more clubs, more collaborative projects between classes <p>A student rep at the meeting added a comment regarding neurodivergent students feeling misunderstood by neurotypical teachers, and suggested that neurodivergent adults could come in to suggest additional strategies with the teachers.</p> <p>SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN</p> <p>There is a board to the left of the office that displays the process and status of the SIP. One focus is transferable skills in literacy and application and thinking in mathematics.</p> <p>NUTRITION PROGRAM</p> <p>The school needs volunteers for the AM snack program. Timing TBD but it will need to be prepared early in the day.</p>
Teacher   TEACHER RE...	Cassie	<p>A lot of great things are going on to build community!</p> <p>They are looking at changing the venue for a spring community trip (instead of the Beaches Winter Stations).</p> <p>Suggestions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - High Park Nature Centre - Humber Arboretum

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Art Gallery - Evergreen Brickworks - McMichael Gallery <p>Any additional suggestions can be emailed to Cassie.</p>
<p>Treasurer</p> <p>  TREASURER R...</p>	Joanne	<p>We still need about \$6000 to meet all of the obligations that we have. We do have upcoming fundraisers where we are estimating a minimum of \$3000.</p> <p>Budget Changes: Jummi has said she is not going to spend any more of the tech budget (therefore it's reduced) and there were no buses organized for the Big Chill (also a reduction in spending).</p>

4. 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/ Guest	Notes / Attachments	Decision / Action
<p>DECISION:</p> <p>Backup secretary</p> <p>(Sonia)</p>	<p>We need a backup secretary, to take meeting minutes in the event Sonia is absent</p>	<p>Volunteers:</p> <p>Allie Caldwell</p> <p>Suze Berkhout</p>
<p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>EQAO Results</p> <p>Nataliya/Julia</p>	<p>We have received parent requests to learn more about EQAO scores and are looking for a forum to discuss.</p>	<p>(Addressed in teacher report sharing - See above)</p>
<p>DISCUSSION:</p> <p>Tech Survey Results</p> <p>Julia</p>	<p>Sharing Tech Survey results from November 2025 survey</p> <p> Tech Survey Result Sum...</p>	<p>This is a summary of the results, from the survey in the fall born out of a discussion regarding council funding for school tech. There is parent interest in further dialogue about tech in the classroom.</p> <p>Heather and Julia will be going in at lunch on Feb. 23 to connect with teachers to figure out how we can come together to support each other and support students with the evolving topic of children and tech.</p>

		We have a TDSB POR grant funding for a tech charter to be developed under the guidance of a professional with expertise.
DISCUSSION Collaboration between council and staff (Sonia)	Let's get the PPP committee going	Usually all teachers have been on the PPP and some parents have joined. Cassie will bring this back to the staff that we are ready to participate for whatever version the teachers want this year.
DISCUSSION Student Concern (Heather)	Students shared that the second-floor boys washroom is often locked, which means students are needing to use the girls'/all-gender washroom instead. This has been causing some concern for them, and they were wondering if there's a reason the washroom is locked, or if it might be possible for it to be unlocked.	This was a concern raised by some of the 7/8 students who could not attend tonight. This was received with considerable concern from many parents. Natalya will talk with Jummi and get back to the council by next week with an update of status.

5. Upcoming Events & Dates

Communications: Elle

Event	Date	Notes / Lead
Big Chill	Jan. 30	John NOTE: Suze will help transport skates who are taking transit.
Interview Booking System	Opens Feb. 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • System Opens: Monday, February 2nd • System Closes: Sunday, February 8th at 7:00 PM
HPAS Movie Night	Feb. 5th	
Grad Photos	Feb. 10th	

Interviews with teachers	Feb. 12th (PM/Eve.) & Feb. 13th (AM)	By teacher or parent/guardian request only
Hub meeting at ASPS/HPAS	Feb. 24th	
Community Circle	Feb. 25th	
Jump Rope for Heart	Potential date is April 24th	
Spring Concert	April/May TBD	
Coffee House	April/May date TBD	

6. Action Items & Follow-Up

Co-Chair: Julia Swaigen

(Secretary to update after meeting)

Action Item	Assigned To	Due Date	Status
Spring Field Trip	Staff	--	Collecting ideas and pricing out options
Grade and Play Day Dates to be determined with admin	Diana and Admin	--	--
Washroom Audit: How many? Where are the bathrooms? Students have raised issues about availability for	Julia and Heather		Open/Done How often is it closed? On and off? What is causing it

girls/boys and All gender.			
Bathroom follow-up	Natalya & Jummi		<p>Here is the breakdown of what washrooms there are in the school:</p> <p>1st Floor - All-Gender Washroom, Boys' Washroom, and Girls' Washroom</p> <p>2nd Floor (at the Library) - Boys' Washroom and Girls' Washroom</p> <p>2nd Floor (Intermediate) - Boys' Washroom and All -Gender Washroom</p> <p>3rd Floor - Boys' Washroom and Girls' Washroom</p> <p>They are now all open and expected to remain that way. A combo of vandalism and caretaking shortage was to blame for the closure of the on boys washroom.</p>

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: May 25th, 6pm**
- **Report Submission Deadline: 1 week prior Date: May 11th**
*From Admin, Chairs and all Committees.
- **Chair/Admin Prep Meeting Date: May 13th**
- **Agenda Shared: 3–5 days prior Date: May 19th**

9. Adjournment

Co-Chair: Heather Phillips

Motion to Adjourn: Adam

Seconded by: Julia

IN ATTENDANCE: in person

- Heather Phillips
- Julia Swaigen
- Stephanie Pellatt
- Janine Naumann
- Soren Barron (Student Rep)
- Leif Grugeler (Student Rep)
- Joanne Huber
- Michael Graham
- Cassandra Walker (Teacher)
- Allie Caldwell
- Sonia Satov
- Adam Sakiyama
- Natalya Brylynska(VP)
- Suze Berkhout

IN ATTENDANCE: virtually

- Diana Holec
- Dianna Lai Read
- Ashlea Quigley
- John Tummonds
- Elle Morris
- Daniela
- Caley Bell-Pasht
- Maggie Dunlop

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

- Kari Sattler (regrets)
- Mahima Madhava (regrets)