

September 2026 School Council Agenda



Time	What	Minutes
7 pm	Land Acknowledgement We begin by acknowledging the land and our responsibility to care for and respect all that provides us with life. This land upon which HDSB is situated is on the ancestral, treaty, and title lands of the Anishinaabek Ojibwe Michizaagiig Nation, now known as the Mississaugas of the Credit. Michizaagiig territory in the past and present continues to host both Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. The HDSB is committed to continuous knowledge building with respect to actions that address and resolve the ongoing impacts of colonialism. We do this by learning and understanding the true history, treaty obligations, duties and responsibilities, and Indigenous Rights while actively maintaining mutually beneficial relationships and collectively respecting and caring for the land.	
7:05 pm	Introductions	
7:10 pm	2026 -2027 School Council Election Process	Chairs: Alex Zych, Freda Vanopoulos Treasurer: Christina Haberkorn Minute Keeper: Jenny Green Voting Members: Jen Ross, Jonathan Yantzi, Amy Dodds, Lisa Fortino, Ivana Kreckler, Jessica Charland, Lisa McLaren, Danielle Leahy Laughlin, Karin Stock, Jamie Gleed, Vianna Ding, Yulia Kowalik, Tulika Majumdar, Suze Phillipson, Alex Charbonneau
7:15 pm	Principal and Staff Report	<u>Tania Laurie re: Staff Report</u> It is early in the school year; extracurriculars and programming are still being decided. Truth and Reconciliation Day - Classes were all doing activities in consideration for the Day (Oct 17-22) - Grade 7's: Walk for Wenjack, it is an educational and reconciliation activity connected to the story of Chanie Wenjack, an Anishinaabe boy who died in 1966 after escaping a residential school and attempting to walk home to his family. - Learn about Chanie Wenjack and his story. - Understand the history and impact of residential schools in Canada. - Reflect on Truth and Reconciliation.

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- Take part in a meaningful action toward reconciliation.
- Recognize the importance of learning from Indigenous peoples and their experiences

Fundraisers

Terry Fox Run

- Sept 22 - Lauren Shaw and Shelley Spivak

Community Collection

- running Oct 6,7,8 before school on Blacktop
- The "Community Food Program" serves as a nutritional and social lifeline to hundreds of community members. Every Friday, their Hub & Lunch provides an in-person community meal where over 200 friends gather to eat healthy and delicious food while sharing resources, enjoying fellowship, and making new friends. They also support folks leaving shelters with everyday necessities, including hygiene & paper products and cleaning supplies. Meals of Hope is now assisting in preparing and delivering to some of the most vulnerable residents staying in Bonnie Place and those staying in temporary emergency shelters or living on the street.
- Run by Tina Oppermann and Tania Laurie
- *items do not have to be peanut free*

Trips

Kindie

- Dymment's pumpkin farm in October 21

Grade 2

- Safety Village - Sept 23, 28 (needed to split the group)
- Halton Water Festival - Oct 6
- Bronte Park for The Giant Map - connection to Indigenous unit in Social Studies and language and mapping

Grade 6

- Oct 6th Field Trip to Canadian War Plane Museum

Sports

Cross Country

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		- Oct 5 at Sherwood Forest - Practices started this morning 8:30am - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Senior Girls and Boys Volleyball - starting soon with Mayo & Henderson Clubs Kids' Lit Quiz and Battle of the Books - Hill and Mme Mills - will meet 1 to 2 times a week once the duty schedules are changed for the program - teams will include students from Grades 3 to 8 - students read books and answer various questions about children's literature - have a great group of students participating this year and are excited for the year! - KLQ regional qualifier will be held in Feb Run Club - Hill and Laurie - starting on Friday for Grade 6,7,8 on Fridays at second lunch Music with Mr. Hoover - Rock and Roll Club - starting soon - Concert Band - Tuesdays and Thursdays 8am - Jazz Band - starting soon
7:20pm	Treasurer's Report	Covered by Principal Smith this month 3 main fundraising initiatives last year: - Pizza = 35297.36 - Subway = 7958.11 - Dance-a-Thon = 14590.69 What it was spent on:

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Item	Amount
Grade 1 Chicks	431.38
Chromebooks	7000
Vex Kits	788.34
Vex Kits	827.5
Grade 8 STEM materials	134.16
Wilson Reading Materials	7000
Syllasense Reding Materials	2000
Junglesport Deposit	5000
Music Instruments	5000
Teacher Support	4198.05
24 Lacrosse Sticks	\$387.14
Cross Country Bussing Costs	610.2
25 Volleyballs	\$993.27
Rugby Flags	\$20.00
Outdoor Storage Box for front pen	\$451.99
Kids Lit Quiz	500
Projectors x 3	6700
Syllasense Red and Teal Sets	\$594
Grade 6 Reading Club Books	\$255.30
iPads x 5	2350

Current balance is 17,280.02

- \$10,000 budget, actual cost \$8200, this will come out shortly
- \$5000 budget for Tech Room, this will actually cost \$3500 and will come out shortly

Available balance is about \$5500

Wishlist items

Vex Robotics for Kindergarten, \$3000

Outdoor Play Equipment, \$1500

- there are more junior classes this year and primary students need more supplies
- junior / intermediate kids need 'four-square balls', basketballs, volleyballs
- Soccer balls for all age groups
- tennis balls and small footballs for the littles.

Upcoming costs

Movie license, \$1000

Junglesport, \$5000



Dance or drama sessions

Mareika has obtained estimates from Travelling Stage:

<https://www.travellingstage.com/elementary-school-dance-and-drama-programs/>

Option 1: multi-session with performance

- Dance or Drama Sessions - 13000 (with school contributing an additional 3k)
 - Includes 6 30-minute sessions and a performance
 - Cost is \$21 + hst +2.5% SCO cost.
 - Price is for entire school to participate.

Option 2: single session

For the \$5.75 (mid-length 45 minute) option it would work out to \$4330 for each class to get one session.

Group discussion around drivers for this initiative, starting last year with low turnout and nervous students when Tuck Idol was proposed last year; we want to encourage speaking in front of peers. General agreement that the multi-session with performance option is preferable, ideally the entire school but with potential for grades 3-5 or 1-6 if cost is a consideration. There was a concern of fairness raised, and Mareika noted during discussion that Grade 7 & 8 have many other initiatives (like intramural sports) not available to the rest of the school.

Vote to happen next meeting or virtually.

Hot Food Plan

- Pricing will stay the same
- Jess Charland to coordinate separate deliveries for alternating lunches (upper and lower grades)
- Mareika to confirm whether there are options for more veggies on the subway
- Mareika to consider sending pizza & subway emails together in one email; both subs and pizza will
- Pricing may need to go up this year in line with price increase from Subway supplier last year
- Mareika to talk to Hero Burger to see if there is an option for a trial run, including accommodations for allergies etc.

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		Term 1 Subway - 11 weeks (October 6 - December 15) - Funds will support Movie License, Teacher Support Term 2 Subway - 11 weeks (January 5 - March 23) - Funds allocation TBD Term 3 Subway - 13 weeks (March 30 - June 22nd) - Funds allocation TBD Term 1 Pizza - 11 weeks (October 8 - December 17) - Funds will support Jungle Sport Term 2 Pizza - 11 weeks (January 7 - March 25) - Funds allocation TBD Term 3 Pizza - 13 weeks (April 1 - June 24th) - Funds allocation TBD
8:15pm	School Council Initiatives/Fundraising Plan	Alex Zych re: Movie Night - Parent council pays for popcorn and a \$1000 license; this license is shared by teachers throughout the year - Free event for families - Alex Z interested in volunteers Group discussion re: 'split' / combined classes - This is a funding model due to class size restrictions per grade, and not in control of the school or School Council - Schools that are not in compliance with size restrictions can be 'reorganized' after the school year starts - Constraints are Halton-wide and all schools have combined classes, across any grades

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- Parents with concerns are encouraged to contact Principal Mareika Smith.

Dance-a-thon

Lisa offers that fundraising for the dance-a-thon could be increased, to connect with Jess C to share dance-a-thon fundraising ideas.

Krista re: Tuck Gives Back

Upcoming fundraising for the year, both in-school (A Year of Giving) and in the community (Tuck Gives Back).

A Year of Giving @ John T Tuck

2026-2027 Donation Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Terry Fox Run
 Student Walk/Run
 Raising funds for Terry Fox Foundation

OCTOBER

Pantry Food Drive
 Collecting pantry donations to support
 Community Food Programs

NOVEMBER

Scholastic Book Fair
 Book purchases
 support John T Tuck's Library

DECEMBER

Gift Card Collection
 Collecting gift cards
 to support Teens in need

MARCH

Tuck's Dance-A-Thon
 Tuck's Major School Council Fundraiser

MAY

Jump Rope for Heart
 Students Jump
 Raising funds for Heart & Stroke

JUNE

Rock Infant Drive
 Collecting pantry & infant items for
 the ROCK Outreach Center

Pink & Green events are run by educators.
 Contact the school to get involved.
 to volunteer with the dance-a-thon, contact
[jessica @ jessica.taylor.charland@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.taylor.charland@gmail.com)

Follow your heart, wallet, closet, and pantry in choosing to support one, all, or any number in between. Your generosity and time are always appreciated.

Used Book Swap
 Collecting used books, sorted and sold for \$1,
 Supporting the Halton Learning Foundation

Winter Clothing Drive
 Collecting gently used winter clothing for the
 Community Closet used by local families in need

Fill the Tuck Truck Holiday Drive
 Collecting toys, pantry, and personal items
 sorted for local families in need

Blue events are run by
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 on supporting local initiatives through three pillars of action:
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 outreach events related to our mission. Please reach out to Krista
 @ Krista.m.craig@gmail.com to join the Tuck Gives Back Team



TUCK GIVES BACK

Participate - Donate - Advocate

Tuck Gives Back is a volunteer group from John T Tuck P.S. focused on supporting local initiatives through three pillars of action: participate, donate, and advocate. Our goal is to channel these actions into building a community that prioritizes thinking beyond ourselves, fostering unity, empathy, and a spirit of giving.

We are always looking for parents to join our efforts in organizing and facilitating community outreach events related to our mission. Please reach out to Krista @ Krista.m.craig@gmail.com to join the Tuck Gives Back Team

Below are the organizations we are supporting this 2026-27 school year:

OCTOBER
Used Book Swap
Supporting the Halton Learning Foundation

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Used books collected, sorted, and sold for \$1 to promote a love of reading

Gently used winter clothing collected for local families in need

NOVEMBER
Winter Clothing Drive
Supporting the Community Closet for Local Families

CLOTHING donations

DECEMBER
Fill the Tuck Truck Drive
Supporting the Holiday Hamper Program for Local Families

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Holiday collection of food, toys, and personal products, sorted for local families

Raise funds and join the Tuck team at the family 1K or 5K run at Spencer Smith Park

FAMILY event

MAY
Run4Lighthouse
Supporting the Lighthouse for Grieving Children & Families

Bulletin board facts, announcements, and learning all year long to continue building an inclusive and welcoming environment at Tuck

JUNE
Rock Infant Drive
Supporting the ROCK Outreach Center for Families

BABY DIAPER
BABY WIPES
BABY donations

Diapers, wipes, formula, and pantry food items collected

ALL YEAR
"Building Bridges" - Diversity Awareness Advocacy
Building Community and Understanding for those with:
Autism ADHD Epilepsy Dyslexia Diabetes Hearing Loss Vision Loss

Community IRL

- Every year \$500 is allocated to bring the community into the school.
- Last year was a pilot year, growing this year
- Please contact Heather to volunteer
- The school has a 50-family Tin Can phone community
- Jess to inquire about a Roller Skating event

End of Year Event

- Group discussed potential for an end-of-year event like School Olympics, including mixing grades onto teams
- Per Mareika it is usually called a Play Day and it needs to be staff organized.
- This could be run as a community event or a fundraiser; this will be on the agenda for November's meeting to determine interest and volunteer capacity for this event.

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		Mareika notes that there are restrictions to 2 ‘major fundraisers’ per year			
8:30 pm	Motions	Motion	Brought by	Seconded by	Status
		Motion to increase cost per sub to \$6.50 (from \$6.00)	Freda	Amy	Passed
		Motion to allocate \$1500 to outdoor play and \$3000 to Vex Robotics	Freda	Krista	Passed
8:45pm	Adjournment				