

Highland Park Junior High School

School Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes – Date: April 7th , 2026

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.
- Student enrolment currently stands at 151 students, with two homeroom classes per grade level.
- Citadel High has extended an invitation for our students to attend The Addams Family production. Grade 9 students, along with members of the Drama Club, will be in attendance.
- The Technology Education 9 regional initiative is underway. Grade 9 students have begun their woodwork project following the donation of the necessary tools and wood. Advocacy is underway for a second project.
- Upcoming conferences for Grade 9 students include the Uncover Your Essence Conference and the Math 10 Afrocentric Conference.
- Ms. Boutilier will be absent for the remainder of the term, and Mr. Miller will be filling in during this time.
- Transition planning is ongoing for incoming Grade 7 students and outgoing Grade 9 students.
- Field trips continue to be encouraged.
- In athletics, badminton, flag football, track and field, and softball have been introduced this term. The Toronto Blue Jays have donated much-needed equipment to support the softball initiative.
- The school's lunch program continues to be a great success, with excess food being donated throughout the community.
- Through SchoolsPlus, connections have been strengthened with Feed Nova Scotia and the broader community.
- Attendance and late attendance continue to affect student learning and teacher-student engagement – Input on ways to bridge the gap initiated.
- Term 2 reports have been distributed. This year's parent-teacher progress conferences were held at both the Mulgrave Park Learning Centre and the Highland Park Junior High gymnasium, and both locations were well supported.
- HPJH continues to build partnerships with Phoenix and other community partners.
- Student wellness survey results are trending upward, with 75% of students providing positive feedback.
- The Kitchen Brigade travelled to Toronto to compete.

- Financial requests have been facilitated for art supplies, band supplies, basketball warm-ups, and transportation. There is also potential funding for an upcoming Grade 9 event.
- Plans have been initiated for the final SAC meeting of 2026.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.
- Next SAC meeting tentatively scheduled for May 5th 2026. An email will be circulated to SAC members with the confirmed date.