



June 2026 Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Domitillah Antoinnee, Andy Coe, Lovenia Gorman, Kim Welton, Jessica Mason, Shauna Rempel and Chance

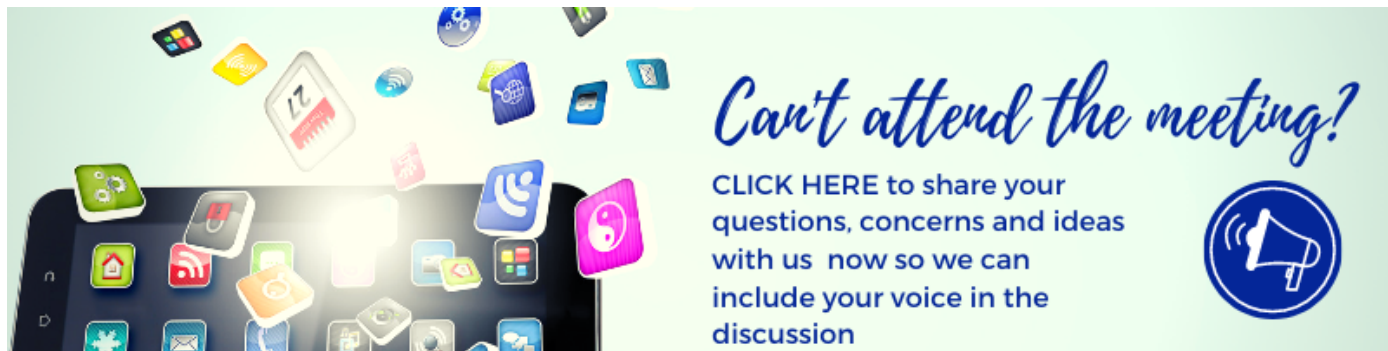
Online: Diana Taylor, Jennifer, Linda Nguyen

Welcome, Introductions & Land Acknowledgement	Domitillah	6:30 - 6:35
Motion to Approve the minutes of the May 2026 meeting - approved	Domitillah	6:35 - 6:40
Principal's Update - Thanks for another great year. It will be busy right up to the last day. Please keep reading Lovenia's updates for information on the last week of school. - EQAO: Grades 3 & 6 completed at the beginning of the month. Ambassador came in to work with these grades. Looking to improve math scores - kids to slow down in responding, especially digital testing. How to answer multiple choice questions as it's been challenging. Think Sheets to show their work and then input their answers into the computer. - Pride and Assembly: Friday June 19. Assembly 12:30 in the gym. Begins in the gym. SEE MSG IN WHATSAPP. Hosting along with ARISE club. Sticker and rainbow popsicles. Looking for bags of ice and coolers to keep popsicles cold. - Kindy concert next week. Classrooms have been working hard. All families are invited. - Talent Show: Grades 4-6 performing for all Howard students on Monday 22. Parents of the performers have been invited. - Grade 6 Grad Ceremony and Dance June 24. Thanks to the Grad Committee for all their hard work. Howard also has a Clap Out, where other students and staff line up from the school to Howard Park Ave and music is played and clapping while they exit. - Indigenous Learning Garden: over the past 4 years we have succeeded in maintaining them with the help of families. This year Ms Adeline has arranged for families to help this summer. Thanks to everyone who has helped by donating plants or their time. - Reminder class placement will be shared Sep 4 with all families as per TDSB policy. - Howard Swag should be coming in this week and will be going home with students. - No donations to report since April 1. - Library update: 24000 for Library - 10000 from school council	Lovenia	6:40 - 6:55

140000 from Read a thon. Approx 20000 spent on modular tables, swap out chairs with other blue ones, new modular seating to go near the window and old shelving will be replaced. New teaching easel and storage carts for classroom use and a label maker. 4000 will be used in the Fall for possibly books and maker space materials. - Thanks to the School Council for being so supportive, fundraising, arts programs, athletics, special events, music and field trips. Very fortunate for all the help. The Community events are really special. Thanks to the Executive team for being amazing. - Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing summer and looking forward to the work in the Fall.		
Financial Update / Fundraising Updates • Spring Social (Disco Rodeo) - (June 4) GREAT SUCCESS - \$22000. SLightly down from last year but strong. SEE WHATSAPP Fall Fête: Howard Fall Fete 2026 – We Need You! Planning for Fall Fete 2026 is underway, and we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to step into lead roles for some of our most popular attractions and fundraising activities. We are currently seeking leads for: • Sponsorships • Silent Auction • Indoor Games • Chez Howard / Bake Shop • Cake Walk Fall Fete is one of Howard’s biggest community events of the year and a major fundraiser that supports programs and opportunities for our students. It simply cannot happen without parent volunteers willing to step up and help make the magic happen. It is especially important that families consider volunteering this year. Last year, several volunteers took on multiple roles to ensure the event was successful, with the Fall Fete Chair carrying multiple lead positions in addition to coordinating the overall event. While everyone pitched in wherever needed, this approach is not sustainable year after year. Spreading responsibilities across more volunteers helps prevent burnout, brings fresh ideas to the event, and ensures Fall Fete remains a fun and rewarding experience for everyone involved. <u>Volunteer Screening Requirement</u> All volunteers—including committee members, leads, and day-of-event helpers—must have a valid Criminal Records and Judicial Matters Check (CRJMC – Level 2) on file with the TDSB before volunteering at school events. <u>Good news:</u> The CRJMC is free for volunteers. <u>Please note:</u> A current and valid police record check is required prior to volunteering with the TDSB. Police record checks must be obtained through the police service where	Alfredo	6:55 - 7:15

you reside. If you are considering volunteering this year, we strongly encourage you to begin this process as soon as possible. Toronto Police Service – Criminal Records and Judicial Matters Check (CRJMC) for Volunteers <u>Information and application details can be found here:</u> Toronto Police Service Record Checks TDSB Code: Please contact the school office to receive the required code from Mrs. Janes. Once you receive your CRJMC, please send a digital copy, along with the password required to open the PDF, to: Ms. Nancy Janes nancy.janes@tdsb.on.ca The document will then be forwarded to the TDSB Volunteer Department and added to Howard's approved volunteer list. If you are interested in taking on one of these lead positions or would like more information, please contact: Nicole Noble - fallfeteHoward@gmail.com Please, please, please consider stepping up. Whether you're a returning volunteer or new to the Howard community, your support makes a tremendous difference. Many hands make light work, and together we can make Fall Fete 2026 our best one yet. Thank you for supporting our school and our students!		
Committee and Club Updates • Movie Night: the person who heads this is retiring. Looking for someone new to take over for next year. Please let Domitillah know if you are interested. • SHAC just helped lead Jump Rope for Heart. Monday morning, well organized Gr1-6 and Kinders did jumping activities in Gym class. \$2500 - see Lovenia's update for more information. Great success. Lead Mental Health Week in May with different activities each day. Hoping to create a calming space. • Equity & Garden - Chalk the Block - was a great success again this year. Lots of involvement and the students really enjoyed walking around the block admiring the artwork in support of Pride Month. • Mental Health & Well-Being - see SHAC update. • Instrumental Music: Wandering Minstrels said there are 2 Cellos with cracks. There may be a warranty but it may be out of date. If they cannot be repaired then a new ¾ sized cello starts at \$1000. Perhaps second hand and/or smaller. Perhaps looking into Long McQuaid rentals. Shauna to get quotes. Keep \$250 left over safe for the replacements. • Sports & Team Building: for the track meet, only needed 1 taxi. Waiting for the receipt. Next year Cross Country will need the same buses as this year, the budget has been allocated for this already. Thanks from Ms Ringler to the council. • Parent Engagement: School Council survey went out on June 10. Only had 3 responses to the Parent Survey that the School	Domitillah Janneth Vidrio	7:15 - 7:25

Council has created. Please share this link with your class so we can collect more data. • Equity Access: make sure everyone has Grad Hoodies and Year Books - Lovenia has connected with Alfredo on this. • Special Opportunities: Janneth Vidrio may be requesting for Grade 6 Graduation pinata supplies.		
Other Business • Is there any end-of-year concert planned? If so, what is the date? ○ A kindergarten-wide concert in the afternoon of June 23 (1:30pm) ○ Play day for the last day of school, June 25th ○ Snacks: a student nutrition program will be starting in the Fall. Lovenia will be looking for donations through families. When Lovenia has an idea of what is needed, she will communicate with families the amount. There will be a stipend for a lunch room attendant and worked into duty schedule so a couple of teachers will be helping prep. Grade 6 leaders will be delivering to classrooms. City of Toronto initiative so every school will have this. The city will give an amount but will need more to run the whole program. "Meal" = fruit, protein and whole grain. For example; apple slices, cheese string and wholewheat crackers. Kitchen in the gym to be renovated over the summer to accommodate all the produce.	Domitillah/	7:25 - 7:30
Motion to Adjournment—Next Meeting is Sept 16, 2026		7:30



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