October 2026 Meeting Minutes

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HOWARD PUBLIC SCHOOL COUNCIL

DATE: **Wednesday, Oct 21, 2026, at 6:30 pm**
WHERE: Howard Library / Virtual on Teams
WHO: All adults in the Howard community are welcome!
Chair: Domitillah Antoinee

Attendance in person: Lovenia Gorman, Kim Welton, Andy Coe, Alfredo Cabeza, Nathalie Lovasz, Jessica Mason, Liz Pounsett, Natalie DeLuca, Angelan Grabham, Christine She, Iris Grilo
Online: Nicole Noble, Eugenia, Alex Lecca, Chance Kellner, Clara Fox, Ivana Simanic, Ashley Wood-Suszko, Shauna R, Dana Barak

Welcome, Introductions & Land Acknowledgement	Domitillah	6:30 - 6:35
Motion to approve the minutes of the Sept 2026 meeting APPROVED	Domitillah	6:35 - 6:40
School Council Elections - ● **Parent/Caregiver Representative election results** ● **Executive Officer election:** ○ Chair / Co-Chairs - **Andy Coe and Nathalie Lovasz** ○ Secretary - **Nicole Noble** ○ Treasurer - **Liz Pounsett** ○ Community Representative - to share information from school to our neighbourhood ● Official nominated parent representative members: ○ Ashley Wood-Suszko ○ Jessica Mason ○ Shauna R ○ Chance Kellner ○ Shelley ? ○ Alfredo Cabeza ○ Samiha Kamel ○ Nicole Noble ○ Nathalie Lovasz ○ Alex Lecca ○ Angela Grabham ○ Kim Welton ○ Liz Pounsett ○ Natalie De Luca ○ Eugenia Rosenblun-Bourdieu ○ Dana Barak ○ Andy Coe	Domitillah	6:40 - 6:50
Principal's Update ● Everyone has settled into reorganized classes across the school. ● Cross Country 150 students attended the first meet and 50 are	Lovenia	6:50 - 7:00

advancing to the next event ● Soccer tournaments for both boys and girls happened last week - the girls team advancing ● Puzzle club is up and running. Thanks to everyone for their donations. ● Library Helpers and Earth Buddies are also up and running. ● Thanks to the School Council for your support with extra curricular activities. ● EQAO data - improvement has been seen since last year. Use the data to drive the instructions from K-6 ● Looking for support for all the committees for the next meeting. ● Last Year staff had a wish list - Lovenia to share for next month's meeting ● Grade 1-2 classes and one grade 4 class are participating with Recreate Place ● Tree protectors are being made by older grades for the playground. Early stages of learning about trees and why they need protection ● Alter Eden returning soon ● Ms Geisen and Lovenia completed a proposal for the Musical - waiting on approval from the Superintendent. Selected Mary Poppins Jr as the musical this year. Liz is helping with this. Ms Geisen to be the producer and Ms Adaline the choreographer. Parent help is requested. All gr 5 and 6 can be cast. 3 and 4 for chorus. Looking for other ways for younger students. ● Book Fair is happening in November around the Teacher-Parent Interviews ● Mandatory Safety Drills - bomb threat drills x2 beginning this year. They are to be called 'evacuation drills' and teachers will share with students and will be mindful of the words we use with our students. ● Thanks to Nicole Noble and the Fall Fete Committee for all their hard work. This Saturday 10-2 ● Halloween Parade - information is in the Friday Update ● Soft start for Nutrition Program in late November due to facilities not up and running. Looking for parent volunteers to help out once a week for an hour. Training to be given. ● Early French Immersion Process starting in November - check Friday updates. Online process. ● Mandatory for all School Council Members to have Police Check -check Friday update for how to do this Thanks so much to Domitillah for all her hard work and helping pass the torch. Thanks also to Alfredo who is stepping down as treasurer.		
Financial Update / Fundraising Updates ● Spring Social brought in a net $22,000 which is amazing ● Pizza Lunch has exceeded expectations - $21,000 with a net of about $9,000 ● $60,000 in the bank currently ● $8,000 in tech expenses? Lovenia to check with Nancy ● Equity Committee has underspent	Alfredo	7:00 - 7:15

Committees and Clubs: How to start one and how to join one? One parent rep on every committee. If you are not a voting member you will need to talk with the rep and get their support. Can do this through the council email. *Example: Fall Fete, Sports, Arts* ● **Howard swag -** order for Christmas we have to have it ready for the 2nd week in November. Corrections made to the back of shirts.Natalie will update design and post in the group chat to see. Will vote on this in the November meeting. ● **Budget requests due by November 18** (the 3rd week of the month). This will be where we discuss the budgets for each committee and look at where money has not been spent and move it to another. **Important**: come with the idea and the ask of the funding for the year and think about the whole year - November 2026 - November 2027. The more ideas the better. Committees must align with school improvement plan and school goals - something to benefit the students. ● Fall Fete would like to put the sponsors on our School Council website **APPROVED** ● Looking for more volunteers for the Fete. Click here to sign up! The Mounted Police and Fire Fighters will be there!	All	7:15 - 7:30
Other Business: If we need more time to discuss, we can continue until 8:00. - **TDSB's 2026-27 School Council Innovation Grant (SCIG) program will soon open (**Applications Open: October 26 Applications Close: December 4). **Suggest creating **a grant committee with parent rep.** ****There is a dedicated email address for Grants.**	All	7:30 - 8:00
Motion to Adjourn—The next meeting is **November 18, 2026.**	Domitillah	8:00



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