

Kanétskare School Council Meeting

February 10, 2026, 6:30 pm

In Attendance: Meaghan Eisenberg, Pam Ekins, Andrea McLean, Esme Rambert, Jennifer Walsom, Joanne Hall, Janine Durajlija

Regrets: Helen Burnett-Nichols, Jennifer Castle-Timms, Natacha da Silva, Tiffany Herron, Katherine Hollands, Rosalyn Johnson, Louai Moghrabi, Cindy Stranak

- 1) Welcome, Land Acknowledgement & Attendance
- 2) Secretary: Meaghan Eisenberg
Approval of November meeting minutes: motion to approve Andrea McLean; 2nd Meaghan Eisenberg
- 3) Reports & Updates
 - a. PIC – Cindy at PIC meeting currently – will get update in March
 - b. No Recreation Centre representative present
 - c. Principal Update (Joanne Hall)
 - i. Started split lunch schedule in January; working well, more space, better for supervision; likely to keep this schedule going forward
 - ii. Joanne now in an email chain with City of Hamilton re: road closures around the school for the HAAA park renovation/construction. Signs should be going up in March. If concerns for safety of students, may need to reach out to Trustee, City Councillor.
 - iii. Enrollment is way up. 465 students as of today and continuing to increase (15 new registrations in the last two weeks). The school is at 138% of capacity.
 - iv. Reminder: public health vaccine program – approx. 80 students whose vaccine records aren't up to date (suspension risk). Working on getting a vaccine letter translated to send home to families.
 - d. Staff Update (Jeanine)
 - i. Extracurricular update: Sr boys' & girls' basketball (Boys just won their quarter final game!), intramurals, indoor track & field (meet has been cancelled due to flooding at facility), student leadership, chess, checkers, collector cards, D&D, celebration committee,

knitting/crochet, recycling, sewing, jewellery, announcements club, Math club (competition in May), Safe Space club

- ii. Grade 8 trip to Art Gallery of Hamilton
- iii. Leadership Team is working on some Olympic themed activities and events between classes in February; opening ceremonies on Feb 12
- iv. Lightning Bolts – handed out to students caught doing nice things – goes into a draw for a prize
- v. Electives Day just before March Break
- vi. Teachers have asked for donations for jewellery club (Jeanine to clarify specifically what they need), volunteers for knitting club, and to ask parents to have the students dress more appropriately for winter.

4) Parent Engagement Event

- a. Reviewed spreadsheet of potential activities and volunteers to lead each
- b. Meaghan to create sign up for activities – to be sent out March 30
 - i. Will need a short description of each activity to include
- c. Timing of activities – all 45 min each with transition time in between; 6:30-7:15; 7:30-8:15
- d. Discussed a list of tasks/roles and a timeline to be accomplished

5) Upcoming School Events

- a. Open House & Café – may need to move from May 21 to May 14; Need to reach out to families for volunteers and donations – target approx. April 26 for sign up. Café in Library
- b. Grade 8 Graduation – Friday, June 19

6) School Council By-Laws – HWDSB is moving towards standardized by-laws. Will bring forward to a future meeting. To be implemented before September 2026.

7) Adjournment Approx 8:07 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, March 9, 6:30 pm