



## *Herring Cove Junior High School Advisory Committee Meeting*

November 27, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Via MS Teams

**Present:** Josh Chapman, Jim Curry, Luci Ewing, Brent Keough, Christina Neary, Erica Reid, Amy Richardson, Lisa Scallion, Olive Taussig, Sherisse O’Leary

**Regrets:** Ashley Cassibo, Ashley Nicholson, Tara Sampson

### 1. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 23, 2025

- Approved without changes.

### 2. New Business

- **SAC spending priorities:** Requests have been made for the following items/programs:
  - Grade 6 has requested funds for cooking with students. The request was for \$300-400 for all 4 classes.
- **Approval of Photo Vendor for next year (update):** No complaints. Students and parents seem to be pleased with the quality and pricing. No complaints have been received. The school receives the wall composite for graduates, a photo book for staff use and digital pictures for Power School.
- **December Meeting:** All in favour of canceling our December meeting, since it is a busy time of year for everyone.
- **Discipline Report:** Data from the beginning of this school year until November was presented. Some data was available as a point of comparison to last year, though last year was measured after 7 months, whereas this year is after 3 months. We will revisit this data later in the year.

	<b>September-November 2025</b>	<b>September 2024- February 2025</b>
Teacher Contact Home Log Entry	133	175
Admin Contact Home Log Entry	237	470
Incident Referrals for Unacceptable Behaviour (TOTAL)	104 (59 students) 17	122
- Physical Violence	23	
- Physical Aggression	16	
- Use of Mobile Device	1	
- Sexual Harassment	11	
- Insubordination	4	

- Threatening Behaviour	4	
- Inappropriate Language	7	
- Misuse of networks/online resources	7	
- Discriminatory Behaviour	3	
- Vandalism	6	
- Interruption of Learning Environment	2	
- Verbal Abuse	3	
- Racist Behaviour		
<b>Consequences Issued for Unacceptable Behaviour</b>		
- In-school suspension	1	20
- Out-of-school suspension	6	37
- Conferencing with parent or student	89	40
- Coaching to develop new behaviours	9	
- Detention	13	
- Referral to School COunsellor	4	
- Mediation	3	
- Loss of privileges	5	

### 3. Principal's Report:

- Dance: ticket sales were too low; we were forced to cancel. The next dance is booked for February 12;
- Halloween activities were lots of fun and enjoyed by students;
- Sports: The Girls Volleyball team is playing for the championship versus Clayton Park. Basketball is next. Peter Lumsden volunteered to coach the boys' team. I will, with the help of my daughter Veronica, be coaching the girls' team;
- Grade 7 immunization clinic will take place on December 15;
- The Provincial Lunch Program is being well received by students. Some lunches are more popular than others, but overall, the quality of the food has been good;
- Canadian Olympic Curling Trials: Ms. Fillmore took a group to check this out at the Scotia Bank Centre on Tuesday, November 25.
- Mme Scallion's Grade 6 class went to the HRA Pottery Lab to create some art. They will be returning on December 8th to paint their creations. Mme Scallion will pick up the finished products at a later date.
- Positive Rewards: Mr. Keough's program to catch and reward students when they are being awesome is once again a huge success. Teachers nominate students and each week they are rewarded with free gym time, and the kids love it. Participation rates are through the roof!
- Our 3 fire drills, hold and secure, lockdown and relocation (tabletop) have been completed;
- The Remembrance Day Ceremony was very successful. The concert band performed;
- The gym is open in the morning and at recess (7 & 8). Lunchtime has different grade levels each day;
- Parent Teacher Progress Conferences will be held on December 4. Grade 6 teachers will be in their classrooms and the grade 7 & 8 teachers will be in the gym. The times are from 1 - 3 p.m. & 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.;
- HPD came in to talk to our grade 6s and 7s about Cyber Safety. I am still trying to arrange a date for our 8s;
- Picture day and retakes have been completed ;
- Provincial SAC conference is happening Friday November 28 at the Convention Centre. Amy Richardson will be attending with Mr. Curry;
- Term 1 Report Cards distributed via Power School this afternoon;
- We have completed an audit of finances, no major issues and we are in good financial shape!

#### **4. Student's Report:**

- Lucy asked if there was a trip planned for Grade 8s. As is tradition, there will be a trip to Atlantic Splash Adventure.
- Volleyball coaches have requested to have the girls' volleyball Championship game at HCJH. Mr. Curry doesn't think that Clayton Park will give up their home court advantage.

#### **5. Other Business:**

- A question was asked about finding a better system for booking PT Conferences so that parents spend less time waiting in line since some teachers have long lines. It's difficult for parents to manage if they need to attend multiple schools.

**Next Meeting:** End of Meeting 6:34 p.m.: Next Meeting: February 26, 2026 6:00 p.m. via MS Teams