



Herring Cove Junior High School Advisory Committee Meeting

April 23, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Via MS Teams

Present: Josh Chapman, Jim Curry, Christina Neary, Lisa Scallion, Olive Taussig, Sherisse O'Leary, Brent Keough,

Regrets: Erica Reid, Amy Richardson, Luci Ewing, Tara Sampson, Ashley Nicholson, Ashley Cassibo,

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of February 26, 2026

- Approved without changes.

2. New Business

- **Grade 8 Closing / End of Year Activities**
 - The date has changed from June 25 to June 26, 2026. Brendan Maguire has been invited (tentative yes) and his office will be providing certificates for the students.
 - The parents of Grade 8 students are planning their own party on June 19th, which is the same day as the grade 8 activity day at the water park. The school still has a dance scheduled in June.
- **Fraser Lake Memorial Award & BBall Tourney**
 - **Basketball Tournament:** is taking place on May 9th at J.L. Ilsley.
 - **Memorial Award:** This award is presented in memory of Fraser Lake, a former student of HCJH who passed away in 2025. Fraser was a student known for his academic strength and his love of sports. While Fraser achieved success in many areas, what stands out most in the memories of those who knew him is his deep and thoughtful kindness. Fraser was a quiet and somewhat shy person, but he made a deliberate effort to look out for others. He noticed when someone was struggling or feeling left out, and in his own gentle way he tried to make things a little better for them.
 - **The Fraser Lake Memorial Award** is given to a grade 8 student who reflects that same spirit — someone who shows kindness not for recognition, but because they know it matters, and who quietly helps others feel supported and valued. This award honours the quiet kindness Fraser showed — the kind that may not always be seen but can mean everything to someone who needs it.
- **Construction Updates**
 - New windows, outside doors and the overhang over the front entrance will all be replaced over the summer. A storage bin will be landing on property to store the materials as they are delivered.
- **Literacy & Math Update**
 - **Literacy:** see below (Annex 1)
 - **Math:** see below (Annex 2)

- **Funds Remaining**

- We have slightly less than \$1000 left. The Learning Centre would like to work with students in the Food Lab to work on life skills and basic cooking. Request \$46.

3. Principal's Report:

Sports – Basketball and Badminton are finished, girls' flag football is currently happening, and softball and track and field will start soon. – Go Vikings!!

Band Trip - Mr. Bauer took our kids to see the Stadacona Band play, it was a great trip and well received by students.

School Dance – Next dance scheduled for May 7. Our last Dance of the year is scheduled for June 18.

Next Year Projected Student Numbers - we are estimated to have a school population of **238** students next year. At this time, I do not yet have confirmation of how many homerooms there will be.

African Dance – HCJH once again hosted the folks from the African Dance Academy. The instructors not only taught the kids some new dance steps, but also about African Heritage. This was a great time and the kids loved it!

Skilled Trades Presentation – This was once again well received, and our grade 8's had a blast!

Talent Show – happened in March this year. This annual event is a great chance for the kids to showcase their talents and have some fun.

Academic Awards – for term 2 were completed and handed out.

Transition meetings - with Sambro, William King and Harrietsfield Elementary happening soon to talk about our grade 6 students for next year. We will also be meeting with JL Ilsley to advise them about our grade 8's moving up next year.

Grade 8 RWM8 Testing - All grade 8's at HCJH will be writing the RMW8's in May. This is a provincial test that does not count towards a student's final grade but is a good indicator of how well they are meeting curriculum standards in ELA and Math. This test is also a tool used by the school to see what areas of these subjects that we may need to focus on.

Construction Update –Construction has taken a pause until the summer where new windows, exterior doors, and new cover/roof for our outside front entrance way will be installed.

Get Real Presentation - Grade 7 & 8 Health classes welcomed **Get Real**, a Canadian non-profit organization dedicated to combating 2SLGBTQ+ discrimination, racism, and bullying in schools and workplaces for a talk about 2SLGBTQ+ Inclusivity.

Change of Date - Our end of the year ceremony will now be held on June 26. The HRCE requested we move it to that later date. We have invited our local MLA & Minister of Education (Brendan McGuire) to speak at the ceremony. His office has once again offered to provide grading certificates for our grade 8's.

Fire Inspection – HRCE recently gave us a **practice** fire inspection. Due to some new safety standards, we have been bringing the school up to code especially by removing older furniture. The pre-inspection went well and besides one or two minor issues, the school is now up to code.

Earth Day Clean Up - Students participated in a school yard clean up on April 22 (Earth Day) and we collected over 50 bags of garbage from around campus.

4. Student's Report:

- Question about lunches next year. Students wish to know if Healthy Hunger will be returning. Mr. Curry explained that since there's a Provincial Lunch Program, Healthy Hunger is finished.

5. Other Business:

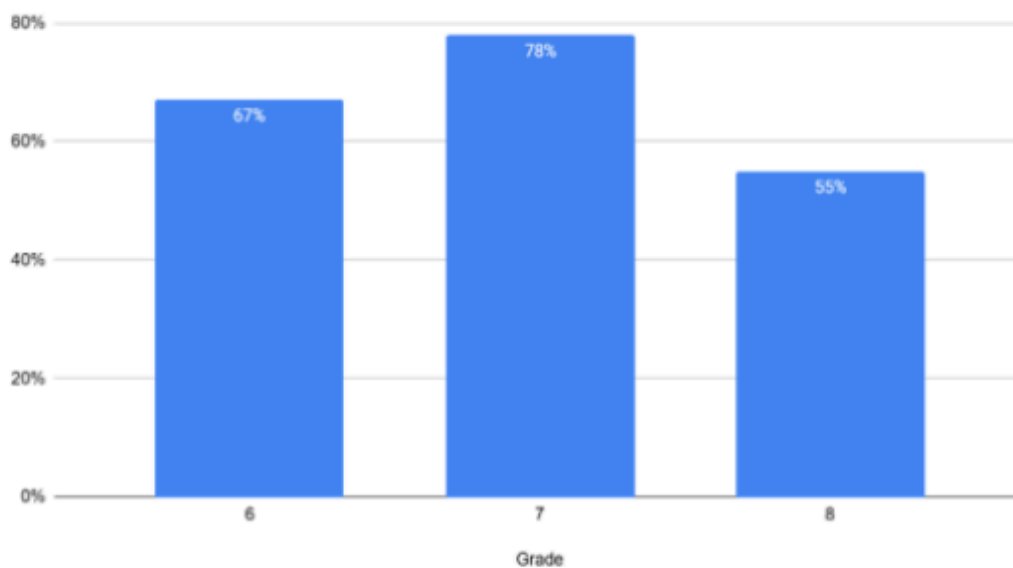
- None

Next Meeting: End of Meeting 6:34 p.m.: Next Meeting: May 28, 2026 6:00 p.m. in the HCJH library

Annex 1- Literacy Update

Oral reading (phonetics)

Mid Year ORF Data Compared to Beginning of Year ORF Data - Percentage of Students by Grade Level Who Increased in their Words Correct Per Minute



Resource Reading Intervention Data

- 27 students have been receiving resource intervention since the beginning of the year.
- 22 of these students increased in their correct words per minute and accuracy when comparing beginning of year to mid-year data.
- Students have received small group support using either the UFLI program or Rewards program.
- Teachers have reported a significant increase in reading confidence amongst students participating in UFLI or Rewards programs
- We know that improved confidence in reading leads to improvement in comprehension and writing

Annex 2- Math Update

Grade 8 Student Progress

- Student achievement in both number & operations, and measurement strands increased from grade 6 to grade 8
- 17% more students now achieve a 3 or higher in the number and operations strand who did not in grade 6 (change from 52% to 69% achieving)
- 41% more students now achieve a 3 or higher in the measurement strand who did not in grade 6 (change from 37% to 78% achieving)

Student Achievement Rate in Number & Operations



Student Achievement Rate in Measurement

