Herring Cove Junior High
School Advisory Committee Meeting
October 1, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Herring Cove Junior High Library

Present: Josh Chapman, Jim Curry, Christina Neary, Ashley Nicholson, Lisa Scallion, Brent Keough, Erica Reid, Robyn Stephen

Regrets: Maryann Fisher, Samantha Whitehall, Ashley Cassibo, Tara Sampson, Amy Richardson

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1. **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of May 28, 2026**
    - Approved

2. **New Business**
    - **Meetings and times:**
        - Thursday, October 1, 2026 ***In-person meeting***
        - Wednesday, October 28, 2026 ***Online***
        - Thursday, November 26, 2026 ***Online***
        - Thursday, December 10, 2026 ***Online***
        - Thursday, February 25, 2027 ***Online***
        - Thursday, April 22, 2027 ***Online***
        - Thursday, May 27, 2028 ***In-person meeting***
    - **Election of Chairperson**
        - Tabled until Meeting on October 28, 2026
    - **SAC Funds**
        - Budget $5 230
        - Expenditures should support the SSP and the community goals
    - **Enrolment Increase and Implications**
        - Increase from 230 to 252
        - We had to reorganize the junior high classes and we now have a split ⅞ class
        - We had to reorganize the grade 6 classes that were over cap so we now have 4 grade 6 classes.
    - **Requests for Funds**
        - Request for funds from library for $368 for calm and quiet lunch activities (Uno, board games)
        - Request for funds of $174 paint and supplies for schoolyard games

- Request for $2 986 for the purchase of classroom furniture for a newly opened classroom
- Approved by all present

3. **Principal's Report:**
    - Total enrollment is 252
    - Total teaching staff 18: 11 classrooms, specialists, guidance, resource and learning centre, student support and administration.
    - We would like to officially welcome our new staff to HCJH! Joining us this year are Ms. Callaghan (Gr 7FI), Ms. Sampson (Gr 6 music), Mr. Lumsden (Core French), Mr. Colpitts (Grade 6) and Mr. Stepaniak (Phys-Ed.). Ms. Bang & Ms. Gray will also be joining our Learning Centre Team.
    - Students & Staff have had a very positive start to the year.
    - Grade 6's will attend the Milk Sports Fair on October 9, 2026.
    - Curriculum Night was on Sept. 2nd. We created a different format this year (scavenger hunt) and it seemed well received by both families and staff.
    - Soccer – Unfortunately we were unable to attract coaches this year and did not enter teams into either the boys' or girl's leagues this year. Next sports season is Volleyball, and we have already secured a girl's coach and are working on one for the boys.
    - The NS Lunch Program is continuing with some improvements to the menu. Although we are happy that the program is running, there is still a lot of waste (especially on certain menu item days)
    - Terry Fox Activity was on Thursday, September 24. We started with an assembly in the gym and then the students all went outside and walked the field.
    - Students in grades 7 & 8 were once again issued free Metro Transit passes. This program was brought back at the last minute, and students are encouraged to use an online pass (although physical ones are still available.)
    - Our enrollment increased over the summer, and we are now going to receive a new grade 6 homeroom and have been directed to create a combined 7/8 Homeroom. We will be discussing these developments during our meeting.

New and Notable!

- Major renovations are complete, including new windows and exterior doors, as well as improvements to our front entrance way. One exterior door in the back will be replaced later in the year. Our windows now open without chopping your fingers and you can see through them! Overall big improvement!



Herring Cove SSP Goals

These goals are very important to our planning and the overall direction of our school. As the year progresses, staff will meet and refine details for each goal to ensure that we are on track to meet our specific outcomes for the year. As a teaching staff, we will also be collecting data and reporting our progress in

achieving those goals to you and the HRCE. I will take time in each one of our meetings to highlight the school's efforts with this process.

The goals follow 3 general directions which include:

- **Math Goal:** We will improve achievement in mathematics.
- **Literacy Goal:** We will improve students fact fluency (essential skills)
- **Student Well Being Goal:** We will improve student sense of community and belonging at HCJH.

4. **Student's Report:**
    - None
5. **Other Business:**
    - None

Next Meeting: End of Meeting 6:50 p.m.: Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 28, 2026 6:00 p.m. online.