



HANWELL PARK ACADEMY

Parent School Support Committee Agenda

DATE	May 28, 2025 Start Time: 6:03pm	UPCOMING MEETINGS	None
PSCC MEMBERS PRESENT	Kailynn Clark Vicky McKenzie Christine Roherty Shawna Allen-VanderToorn Serge Godin Anna Burdett Hilary Lenihan Heather Tucker Jackie Reid Evita Gudkova Craig Whynot	AUTHOR(S)	Kailynn Clark Victoria McKenzie
DEC REP		REGRETS	Ruth Eden

Call to Order - 6:03pm

We respectfully acknowledge the territory in which we gather is the unceded ancestral homeland of the Wulastukwey people. 6:03pm

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Key Updates

Approval of Previous Minutes: April 30, 2025, minutes approved by Jackie and Heather.

June Meeting: Unanimous decision not to hold a meeting in June.

3. Chair Updates

Committee Survey: A brief survey will be conducted to gather feedback from this year to inform next year's committee activities.

VP Interviews: Scheduled for Friday, May 30.

DEC Symposium: Scheduled for May 31. Kailynn will share a summary at a future meeting.

4. Upcoming Events - Career Day (June 6)

Schedule: Finalizing event flow and session times.

Kailynn & Vicky will share with Shawna: List of guests / panelists, posters, and kids question sheets. Shawna will include a list of available volunteer careers in her weekly update.

Attendance: 24 confirmed attendees, with a few still undecided. Guests to arrive at 8:45 AM.



Volunteer Support: Nick Gardiner's leadership group, Evita, and Christine will arrive at school around 8:30 to welcome panelists / guests and guide them to the right spot.

Budget: Up to \$250 approved for food (motioned by Jackie, seconded by Heather).

Prizes: Vicky is providing.

Thank You Cards: Sara to coordinate with students for signing.

5. Principal's Update

Pride Week (June 2–6):

Organized by the Gender Sexuality Alliance for middle-level students.

Events include a parade, karaoke, and a Disney movie with an LGBTQ+ theme.

FTE Process & Enrollment:

Facing major funding cuts. CUPE-related events on hold pending government negotiations.

Enrollment projected to decline (50 Kindergarten students entering, 78 Grade 8 students leaving).

Library Access Concerns:

A district-level decision is impacting parents; recommended to contact the MLA.

Administrative Assistants:

Staff start the same day as teachers, creating a tight setup timeline.

Open House:

Scheduled for the Thursday evening of back-to-school week, before classes begin.

Kindergarten Orientation (May 29):

PSSC representation by Kailynn.

Friends of Hanwell representation by Hilary.

French Immersion (Grade 1):

Enrollment has increased; two classes are expected.

6. Staff Updates

Track & Field (Grades 3–5): Scheduled for May 29.

Volleyball: Older boys' and girls' teams won district championships & Green team reached semifinals.

Middle School Track & Field: June 4.

Music & Drama Festivals: Multiple awards received.

Mandela Visit: Through Brilliant Labs initiative.

Family Picnic: Scheduled for June 13.

Provincial Assessments: Currently ongoing.

Epic Program: Final session of the year has begun.

FHS Orientation for Grade 8s: Completed successfully.

Grade 8 Farewell: June 12 at the Community Centre.

Grade 8 Quebec City Trip: June 16.

Last Day of School: June 20.



7. Friends of Hanwell (Home & School Committee)

Spring Fling:

Scheduled for Saturday (rain or shine).
Activities to move into the cafeteria if needed.
Canteen and bake sale hosted by Grade 8 students.
Use of lawn games anticipated.

Sensory Rooms:

Approved funding of \$4,000 for two new sensory spaces in stairwell rooms.
Additional support from an ATV club, as well as community outreach from the FHPA & PSSC.

Family Picnic:

Canteen available
Freezies donated by Scholten's.
Parking spot auction being planned.

Next Meeting: June 11.

8. Exceptional Kids Subcommittee

Sensory Playgroups: Will schedule a calendar and have 5 sessions in the 2025/26 school year.

New Sensory Spaces: In collaboration with Danielle Toner-McKinley from resource and the Friends of Hanwell Committee we are reaching out to the public – individuals, businesses, and organizations – for support in stocking the new sensory spaces.

Enrichment Calendar: Planning of a calendar for local enrichment events and opportunities for 2025–2026 school year underway.

9. DEC Update

Ruth was absent; no updates shared.

10. New Business

Community Engagement: Plans to reboot efforts in the new school year.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.