

Douglas Harkness School Council

Meeting Minutes

January 15th , 2026

6:09pm: Meeting opened

6:10pm: land acknowledgment

6:11pm: Introductions

6:12pm: Agenda approval

6:13pm Approval of agenda first Tabi and second Fatima

6:14pm: approval of November minutes first Tabi and second Fatima

6:15pm: Treasurers report- November and December

6:16pm: Admin report

6:20pm: School development plan presentation

6:34pm: Question period

6:37pm: Meeting adjourned



**School Council | Administration Report
January 15, 2026**

School Events |

- **Teacher-Led Conferences**
 - We enjoyed welcoming students and families to our school conferences. Thank you for attending and sharing in your child's learning
- **Winter Gathering**
 - During the last week of December, we came together as a school community to sing some songs and engage in some fun activities
- **Story Music**
 - We welcomed Story Music in for a performance of Little Red Riding Hood on January 12. It was a great way for students to see the many ways music can tell story
- **Lockdown Practice – January 20**
 - This will be our first Lockdown Practice of the year
- **Non-Instructional Day – January 30**
 - System Professional Day – staff will be engaging in sessions to support their professional learning
 - No school for students
- **Picture Re-take Day – In talks with the photographer**
- **Teachers' Convention – February 12-13**
 - No School for students
 - No School Monday, February 16 – Family Day
- **Non-Instructional Day – February 24**
 - We will be working with Grant McEwan school to build our understanding of our SDP goals
 - No School for students
- **Field Trips**
 - Grade 5 – Flight Hanger Museum – February 11
 - Grade 2 – Telus Spark – February 17
 - Whole School – Alien Inline – March 2-13

School Updates |

- **Kindergarten Registration**



- Opened January 12, 2026 for students who will be 5 prior to January 1, 2027
- **Apple Schools**
 - We have had several exciting initiatives taking place over the past few months. We took part in the 12 days of Fitness before winter break and the entire school enjoyed a dodgeball tournament!
 - We are now taking part in “The Power of Yet” initiative and have been enjoying Spirit Week
 - At the end February, we will be hosting the Flames Foundation Event at our school
- **CBE Survey**
 - Douglas Harkness School grade 5-6 students will take part in the CBE survey in the next couple of months
 - Opportunity to report on themselves, their own abilities and their accomplishments and take pride in what they have achieved
 - Results support our SDP work
- **Report Cards**
 - Report cards will be released online via parents MyCBE account on February 24, 2026
- **Alberta Education Assessments**
 - Kindergarten to Grade 3 students will take part in the second round of Alberta Education Early Years Literacy and Numeracy Assessments between January 19 and February 6, 2026
- **Knowledge Keeper Hal Eagletail**
 - We will be working as a staff with Knowledge Keeper Hal Eagletail who will be supporting the creation of our Indigenous Wellness Room. We look forward to welcoming him on February 6, 2026

Budget and Staffing Updates |

- Our enrollment has increased in the new year. since June. Currently we have 313 students.
- We received some funds to support in the kindergarten classrooms so have two educational assistants (Ms. Anna and Ms. Maria) working in the kindergarten space for the next few months.
- We have some staff members on leaves of absence so have been working to find guest staff for those spaces.



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School Development Plan in Action|

Our School Development Plan has been posted to the DHS website. This year, we will continue to focus on improving numeracy in the school with a focus on students understanding a variety of representations to demonstrate conceptual understanding of number. Teachers have been working on identifying areas of next steps for students and engaging in task design to support multiple representations of number.