

# New Horizons School Council

## Meeting Minutes

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January 4, 2023  
Meeting Called to Order: 7:09PM  
Meeting Adjourned: 8:16PM  
Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Elizabeth Macve, Sarah-Jane Lovgren, Anita Sanderson, Rebecca Koziak, Ellen Hanna, Chelsee Ladouceur, Lori Vigfusson, Anika Kooger, Brianne Davio

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### 1. Meeting Called to Order: 7:09PM.

Elizabeth Macve as Meeting Chair.

### 2. Statement of Territorial Acknowledgement

The School Council of the New Horizons Charter School respectfully acknowledges that the land on which we meet is Treaty 6 territory, a traditional home, gathering place, and a travelling route for diverse Indigenous Peoples, including Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota, Sioux, as well as the homeland of the Metis Nation. We recognize our responsibility as Treaty members and honour the heritage and gifts of the First Peoples of this land.

### 3. Adoption of Agenda

**MOTION: Ellen Hanna moved to adopt the Agenda as presented.**

**Seconded by Sarah-Jane Lovgren. Motion Carried.**

### 4. Approval of Minutes

December 7, 2022

**MOTION: Chelsee Ladouceur moved to adopt the Minutes as presented.**

**Seconded by Sarah-Jane Lovgren. Motion Carried.**

### 5. Reports

#### 5.1 Chair/Vice-Chair Report

Nothing to report.

#### 5.2 Principal's Report

Unfortunately, due to a pipe bursting during Winter Break, the primary end of NHS sustained flood damage. Grades 1 and 2 were directly impacted. Children in these classes were asked to stay at home until Monday, January 9, 2023. We understand that the decision to ask parents to keep their kids home has a big

impact upon our families. We also recognize that our students are best served academically and socially by being in school. Families who have been affected have been advised to contact me to discuss alternate solutions if required.

ServiceMaster is taking care of cleanup. WillScot of Canada has delivered portables. Power, including heat and internet will be set up by the end of the week. Everything is moving quickly to ensure a safe return for Grades 1 and 2.

Information Night will take place on January 11, 2023. The strength of the school is enhanced by the involvement of parents and guardians. As such, a number of current families have been invited to share personal impact stories.

The Artist in Residence program with Rhythm Rhythm Rhythm will start at the end of the month. They will share instructional videos with teachers prior to the sessions so that students have a basic understanding of rhythm. K-9 students will each have two sessions. The Artist in Residence program can happen thanks to fundraising efforts. We are grateful to be able to provide these opportunities to our students.

We are developing a Makers Space. As ideas for this space have been developed over the last few years, a number of Edmonton area schools were toured to review methods of how their STEAM spaces are used. NHS will open this space in the 2023/2024 school year.

### **5.3 Financial Officer's Report**

Report shared by Anita Sanderson.

FANHS Treasurer, Sarah Litvinchuk, is reviewing access to — and appropriate spending of — AGLC funds. In the event that SC does not have to pay for The Artist in Residence program, some funds can be redistributed.

SC would like to plan for a Spring Carnival event to take place on May 27, 2023. In addition to an appropriate number of volunteers, a budget of \$1,500 is required. Much like the Halloween Family Dance, there will be some cost to families (TBD).

**MOTION: Chelsee Ladouceur moved to allocate \$1,000 from School Support — Subcategory: Events plus \$500 from Community Building — Subcategory: Parent Support for the Spring Carnival. Seconded by Sarah-Jane Lovgren. Motion Carried.**

### **5.4 FANHS Report**

Nothing to report.

## **5.5 Communication Officer's Report**

Nothing to report.

## **6. Motion to Accept Reports**

**Failed to motion.**

\*\*January's reports will be revisited for a Motion to Accept Reports in February.

## **7. New Business**

### **7.1 Artist in Residence**

In addition to a list of Artist in Residence providers, KJ Street Consulting has provided us with a list of Provincial and Federal Grant opportunities. The list has been posted in the Agenda Package for tonight's meeting and everyone is invited to review this list for discussion at February's meeting.

Some of the staff are familiar with Kit Dohaylo from Dance Fusion and have expressed interest in this artist for the 2023/2024 school year.

Ms. Stephens would like to be the staff liaison for the Artist in Residence program in the 2024/2025 school year with a focus on the outdoor learning/garden space.

### **7.2 Staff Funding Requests**

Nothing to report.

### **7.3 Future School Event Planning and SC Outreach**

As per section 5.3, the Spring Carnival event to take place on May 27, 2023. A save the date will be communicated as early as this week and the date has been added to the calendar. This event cannot run without volunteers.

### **7.4 Emergent Business**

None.

## **8. Correspondence**

None.

## **9. Future Meeting Dates:**

- February 1, 2023
- March 1, 2023
- April 5, 2023
- May 3, 2023
- June TBD (must include AGM)

## **10. Meeting Adjourned: 8:16PM.**