

New Horizons School Council

Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2023

Meeting Called to Order: 7:01PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:19PM

Hybrid In-Person (New Horizons School) / Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Sarah-Jane Lovgren, Anita Sanderson, Rebecca Koziak, Ellen Hanna, Chelsea Ladouceur, Erin Thomas, Lori Vigfusson, Michelle Stephens, Eeksha & Praveen Kakkan, Stacey Stang-Sass

1. Meeting Called to Order: 7:01PM.

Sarah-Jane Lovgren 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: Chelsea Ladouceur moved to adopt the Agenda as presented.
Seconded by Ellen Hanna. Motion Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

March 1, 2023

MOTION: Chelsea Ladouceur moved to adopt the Minutes as presented.
Seconded by Ellen Hanna. Motion Carried.

5. Reports

5.1 Chair/Vice-Chair Report

The Public Advocacy Group — a subset of the Board — met to work on a collaborative document with an info sheet for parents about NHS including background information and its mission, as well as to use as a political tool to know what questions to ask when door knockers arrive.

5.2 Principal's Report

See attached.

5.3 Financial Officer's Report

Funds motioned but not yet disbursed remain at \$7,673.91.

5.4 FANHS Report

FANHS held our SGM to pass the financials from the previous year. FANHS will be holding a bottle drive during School Council's Spring Carnival.

5.5 Communication Officer's Report

Nothing to report.

6. Motion to Accept Reports

MOTION: Ellen Hanna moved to accept reports as presented. Seconded by Chelsea Ladouceur. Motion Carried.

7. New Business

7.1 Artist in Residence

7.1 (A) 2023/2024 Artist in Residence Programming

In order to proceed with Grant Application, an exact cost is required from Ms. Araujo who is in communication with Kit Dohaylo for the 2023/2024 Residency. Information is due to KJ Street Consulting by the end of next week. Without the information required for the Grant Application, Rebecca Koziak proposes an alternative Artist in Residence so as not to miss the opportunity to apply for the AFA Grant. In the event that the information required is not obtained in time from Ms. Araujo and Kit Dohaylo, School Council will move forward with alternate Artist in Residence Programming with Cassidee Miller, owner of Studio YEG ART.

MOTION: Ellen Hanna moved to accept the proposal of the back up plan. Seconded by Chelsea Ladouceur. Motion Carried.

7.2 Parent Perspectives

None.

7.3 Staff Funding Requests

7.3 (A) Staff Room Support

A request was made for staff room care supplies. School Council is unanimous in their decision not to financially aide this request and believes the items are better suited to the school's budget.

7.3 (B) Kinder Patrol Program

Request made by: Ms. Stephens.

Up to \$60 from School Support — Clubs to reward the Kinder Patrol Program students which is a group made up of 10 students in Grades 5 and 6 who have expressed leadership interest and goals and assist in Kindergarten. Funds would be used for an ice cream party.

MOTION: Ellen Hanna moved to accept the request as presented.

Seconded by Anita Sanderson. Motion Carried.

7.3 (C) REACH Team Funding Request

Request made by: Ms. Vigfusson.

The NHS REACH team, comprised of 4 students, is going to provincials and there is a \$100 tournament fee. As such, there is a request for \$100 from School Support — Clubs.

MOTION: Anita Sanderson moved to accept the request as presented.

Seconded by Sarah-Jane Lovgren. Motion Carried.

7.3 (D) Boy's Basketball Wrap Up + Coach Gifts

Request made by: Ms. Araujo.

The Boy's Basketball wrap up party has taken place. \$90 has been requested from School Support — Sports & Well Being (\$60 towards pizza and \$30 towards Coach gifts).

School Council is unanimous in their decision not to financially aide this request in full. While School Council appreciates the efforts of volunteer coaches due to the larger positive impact beyond the sport that trickles into the school community, School Council is unanimous in their decision not to financially aide the request to pay for gifts. School Council believes that Coaches should be recognized for their efforts by their team and their families.

MOTION: Ellen Hanna moved to accept the request for \$60 for pizza.

Seconded by Anita Sanderson. Motion Carried.

***As per SC Meeting Minutes from December 2022, this is gentle reminder to all NHS staff that all funding requests should be e-mailed directly to Elizabeth Macve, School Council Chair, prior to the first Wednesday of each month. In addition, funds should be requested prior to funds being spent.*

7.4 Future School Event Planning and SC Outreach

7.4 (A) Grade 9 Farewell

Ms. Fairfull would like to put a call out for String Lights and possibly other décor donations and would appreciate SC Communications aiding in communication.

7.4 (B) National Indigenous Day — June 21, 2023

Ms. Stephens advised that all grade levels will be included in Indigenous Day events. Volunteers will be required throughout the day in a variety of capacities and can sign up in a general roster — they will be designated to stations as required. Teacher representatives for the event are as follows:

Div. 1 — Ms. Stephens

Div. 2 — Ms. Dinel

Div. 3 — Ms. Fairfull

It is the recommendation of School Council that the teacher representatives determine the hours and shifts required of volunteers and then email Hayley Tarnasky at [**volunteercoordinator.FANHS@gmail.com**](mailto:volunteercoordinator.FANHS@gmail.com) with a request to create a sign up sheet.

7.4 (C) Mother's Day

In an effort to create connections amongst the adults within our NHS community, School Council is organizing a Terrarium Workshop with products from FaBLOOMosity and pre-order treats from The Art of Cake. The event will take place on May 11, 2023 from 7:00PM - 9:00PM in the NHS gym. Event registration will go out in ENEWS and social media. Registration is due April 25, 2023.

7.4 (D) Spring Carnival

Spring Carnival Communications are out and registration has opened. An additional \$300 is required for the Dunk Tank from School Support — Events. Some staff have volunteered to be dunked with a donation to the Strathcona Food Bank.

MOTION: Ellen Hanna moved to accept the request as presented.

Seconded by Chelsea Ladouceur. Motion Carried.

7.5 Emergent Business

None.

8. Future Business

- Focus group to discuss NHS website (Admin lead).
- Addition of a 'student groups' page on NHS website (Admin lead).

Ms. Vigfusson shared that the website continues to be tabled with School Council

as this topic continues to be tabled by the Board.

9. Correspondence

- KJ Street Consulting Grant Listings, Grant ideas from Ms. Kooger. Tabled to May.

10. Future Meeting Dates:

- May 3, 2023
- June TBD (must include AGM)

11. Meeting Adjourned: 8:19PM.

Principal's Report to School Council
April 5, 2023

Lori Vigfusson
Principal
New Horizons School

Flood Repairs: The students in grades 1 and 2 are back in classrooms! The trailers have been removed. There are a few minor things to touch up in the space but kids are back to normal in the building. Thanks to everyone in our school community for their support as we navigated that stressful time. We are looking at solutions to the furnace issue to prevent this from happening again.

The trailers leaving have left a muddy mess out back as things melt. We will have some temporary fencing up around the muddiest areas while we work with our landscapers to fix the issue.

Student Teachers: We have 6 student teachers with us right now. Mr. Berday is with Ms. Graham for his 9 week placement. Ms. Zens is with Ms. Asquini; Mr Kaefer is with Mrs. Sweetman; Mr. Wong is with Ms. Servold; Mr. Maripain is with Ms. Araujo; and Ms. Napora is with Ms. Fairfull. They will be finishing up in April.

Volunteer Orientation: This is taking place this Thursday in person at the school and next week virtually. It will be run by Ms. Watson and an RSVP has been sent out!

Volunteer Tea:

We want to thank all of our wonderful volunteers for everything they do to support our school community by hosting a Volunteer Tea next Wednesday, April 12 from 8:45-10:00 a.m. Food and entertainment provided by the staff and students. Please join us for a morning of socializing and relaxation as we honour the hard work that you do!

Spring Concert and Music Festival:

Our Spring Concert to showcase the Extracurricular Music groups and Drama and Band Options will be on April 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. An invitation will be going out tomorrow. This will allow students to showcase their hard work as they prepare for the Sherwood Park Music Festival taking place April 17-21.

Clubs and Sports:

Basketball season is over with our Nighthawks finishing 4th overall. Thanks to Mr. Litvinchuk and Creston Young (former student) for coaching and for Mr. Loehr and Ms. Araujo for being the teacher reps. Badminton is just starting up with a short season ahead. Thanks again to Mr. Litvinchuk for coaching and thanks to Mr. Wilde for being the teacher sponsor.

Clubs and Sports continued:

We will be having one final session of Chess club on Thursdays as we had a number of requests. The Jumping Knight organizers will be saving some spots for students that haven't had a chance to join the other sessions. The link was sent out in an email last week.

Our Reach for the Top trivia team has made it to provincials thanks to our Third Place standing at the Regional Tournament on March 4th. The team will be heading to Calgary to compete on April 29th!

We will be beginning a Lego building club at the end of April for grades 1-3. Thank you to Ms. Ewart (Hanna) for organizing. We will be asking for donations of lego that will be used for the club and then put into our makerspace. To give all students in those grades a chance to participate, we will have a rotating sign-up with spots open for each class.

We are still collecting for the Strathcona County Food Bank. Students are invited to bring in non-perishable food items to earn points for their house team.
