

New Horizons School Council Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2020
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Webex Meeting

Attendees: Elizabeth Macve, Sandra Dargis, Sarah-Jane Lovgren, Sarah MacDonald, Ted Zarowny, Kristi Gignac, Sarah Fairful, Jennifer Emmerton

1. Call to order 7:03 pm

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, 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: Sarah-Jane Lovgren moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Sarah MacDonald. Motion Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

October 14 , 2020

MOTION: Sarah MacDonald moved to approve the Meeting Minutes from October 14, 2020. Seconded by Sarah-Jane Lovgren. Motion Carried.

5. Reports

- 5.1 Chair's report -- None
- 5.2 Principal's report -- See Attached
- 5.3 Financial Officer's report -- See Attached
- 5.4 FANHS' report -- None
- 5.5 Communication Officer's report -- None

6. Motion to Accept Reports

MOTION: Sarah-Jane Lovgren moved to receive the reports as presented. Seconded by Sarah MacDonald. Motion Carried.

7. New Business

7.1 Playground committee update

MOTION: Sandra moved to approve up to \$6000 from School Enhancement Major Projects to move forward with Whitenect engineering company for the playground drainage plan. Seconded by Sarah MacDonald. Motion Carried.

7.2 School Event Planning

Finalization - virtual paint night

December event(s):

-discussion of whether there is interest in booking magic shows with Kent Wong

-Ted will communicate with teachers and we will continue discussion at the next meeting

-discussion of a DIY virtual online craft fair

7.4 Staff funding requests

MOTION: Sarah-Jane Lovgren moved to approve up to \$350 for Christmas concert supplies from School Support, Events. Seconded by Elizabeth Macve. Motion Carried.

7.5 Update from Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) 2020 Regular General Meeting (October 17)

7.6 School Council is invited to provide the Board an update on November 25

7.7 Emergent business - TBD

8. Correspondence

9. Future Meeting Dates & Location:

December 2, 2020 (7 to 9 pm, Webex)

January 6, 2020 (7 to 9 pm, Webex)

10. Adjournment 8:49pm



Principal's Report To School Council

November 4, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Remote Meeting

Submitted by Ted Zarowny

1. COVID Update

Information:

As we all know, NHS had its first positive case of COVID-19. I have heard many comments and suggestions about what should have been done and when, but we can only do what we are legally allowed to do, and do what Alberta Health Services (AHS) directs us to do.

Parents must understand that neither school administration nor the Board has the authority to send students and staff home. That responsibility lies with AHS. Second, how we communicate to our school community (ie. sending notice to the one class only was) is based on communication with AHS as well.

We can all feel frustrated about the time it took to learn that we had a positive case to getting individuals to self-isolate. Unfortunately, we are not the only jurisdiction experiencing such a lag in time.

Mr. Lindquist and I have spent much time trying to speed up the response time, and we are looking into how we might have a more timely way to get communication out to parents should a similar case arise.

In the meantime, we keep reviewing our re-entry plan and making adjustments to it so that any case that may enter the school will have a minimized chance to spread.

2. Teacher Request

Mrs. Graham is seeking \$350.00 for props and decorations to create a virtual Christmas concert. The plan is still in the making to have a safe virtual show, but in the case that it is possible to do, she would like to know that she can purchase some items.

3. eNews and Website Posts: Feedback

Information:

- In the last couple of weeks we have launched our new website.
 - Please pass on thoughts and suggestions!
 - We have also transitioned to using a weekly eNews campaign to share news to parents. Parents sign up for the eNews by using the form at the bottom of each page on our website.
 - Please pass on thoughts and suggestions!
 - We occasionally put events and reminders on our home page as Web Posts. Parents subscribe to this using a link in the eNews and emails to parents.
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