

New Horizons School Council Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2020
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Webex Meeting

Attendees: Elizabeth Macve, Sandra Dargis, Sarah-Jane Lovgren, Sarah MacDonald, Ted Zarowny, Kristi Gignac, Catherine Turner, Trevor Stefishen, Brianne Davio, Jeff Blachard, Sarah Litvinchuk, Laura Adebayo, Catherine Turner

1. Call to order 7:00 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
Sept 9 , 2020

MOTION: Sarah-Jane Lovgren moved to approve the Meeting Minutes from Sept 9, 2020. Seconded by Sarah MacDonald. Motion Carried.

5. Reports

- 5.1 Chair's report -- None
- 5.2 Principal's report -- See Attached
- 5.3 Financial Officer's report -- None
- 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 Sandra Dargis. Motion Carried.

7. **New Business**

7.1 Playground committee update and discussion:

County needs a drainage plan with an engineer stamp.

Quotes have been collected regarding the cost of drainage.

Playground committee to wait with construction until spring but in the mean time working on obtaining quotes for drainage, and Blue Imp deposit cost.

Waiting to hear about the Government of Alberta matching grant funding sometime in November.

Playground committee will contact Strathcona County to see if we can get assistance with drainage cost.

Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

7.2 Virtual paint night

Jolene Tames, an NHS parent will be hosting the virtual paint night.

School Spirit Virtual paint night will be happening soon.

Working on selecting a date and preparing for the event, and looking at what platform would work best.

Ted offered to make a poster of the paintings.

7.3 Staff funding requests - None

7.4 Request for SC members to participate on Board committees

Policies, Guidelines and Bylaws Committee (SC is invited to submit one member to this committee)

Public Relations Committee (Sarah-Jane & Elizabeth volunteered to continue participation from last year)

7.5 Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) 2020 Regular General Meeting

MOTION: Trevor moved that we agree Sarah-Jane Lovgren and Elizabeth Macve can vote on behalf of the school council at the Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) 2020 Regular General Meeting. Seconded by Sarah MacDonald.

7.6 Emergent business - TBD

8. **Correspondence**

Emails regarding

Policy Committee

Finance emails

9. **Future Meeting Dates & Location:**

November 4, 2020 (7 to 9 pm, Webex)

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

10. **Adjournment 8:31pm**



Principal's Report To School Council

October 10, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Remote Meeting

Submitted by Ted Zarowny

1. COVID Update

Information:

- Staff and administration have been meeting regularly to evaluate our plan and making constant adjustments.
- New information has been posted on our website to reflect the most recent guidelines and information.

2. Recess Equipment

“Thank You” to School Council and FANHS for supporting the school with the purchase of recess equipment. It is being very well used and very well taken care of by the students.

- The equipment remains within the class cohort and is either sanitized daily or rotated in on a 3 day cycle.

3. New Website

Information:

- Review and provide suggestions for revisions.
 - Tutorial for the new site.
 - Inviting Council members to share a testimonial.
 - We would like to have one sentence testimonials that would scroll on along on our Home Page
 - We would identify only if the testimonial belongs to a “parent” or “student.”
 - We would need to maintain the original comment and name of the person on file.
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4. eNews

Information:

- We will no longer be sending out notifications through the news posts on the new website.
- Instead we will be sending out a weekly eNews via email. Each edition will be stored on the website.
- If SC has an item for the eNews, it should be written up and submitted to Angela DeJong (adejong@newhorizons.ca) by **Thursday noon each week**.

Discussion:

Our intent is to continue posting items on our website, but to not send notifications with each new news post to reduce emails coming from the school.

5. Archived School Council Documents

Background:

- SC meeting minutes have been archived on the website since 2015.
- Because of the new website build, I have downloaded all of the minutes into one folder.
- In order to maintain all documents accessible, they should be stored in one location.

Recommendation: that the archived SC meeting minutes taken from the website be archived in on the school server.

Recommendation: that only current year minutes be housed on the website.

Recommendation: that all SC minutes be transferred to the school server at the end of each school year.
