

New Horizons School Council Meeting Agenda

February 1, 2023

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location – New Horizons School or online [here](#)

1. Call to order

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

4. Approval of Minutes

4.1 January 4, 2023

5. Reports

5.1 Chair/Vice-Chair report

5.2 Principal's report

5.3 Financial Officer's report

5.4 FANHS' report

5.5 Communication Officer's report

6. Motion to Accept Reports for January (prior month was not motioned) and February, 2023.

7. New Business

7.1 Artist in Residence (2023-24)

- Confirm 2023-24 residency suggestions and staff lead
 - Kit Dohaylo from Dance Fusion suggested

7.2 2023-24 School Calendar

- Review draft calendar and prepare notes for feedback to the Board.

7.3 Alberta School Council AGM and Conference – Discuss attendance; final deliberation/motion can occur in March once the advocacy resolutions are posted.

- April 21, 22 ([Conference](#)) and 23 ([AGM](#))
- Conference: \$495 in person; \$50 each for virtual plenaries or all three for \$125
- AGM: \$90 in person; \$0 for 1 parent voting delegate
- [Detailed cost information](#)
- Note: Proposed advocacy resolutions are not yet posted; NHS engagement in the AGM depends to a large extent on proposed resolutions.

7.4 Staff funding requests

- TBD

7.5 Future School Event Planning and SC Outreach

- Spring Event (May 27, 2023 festival)
 - \$1500 motioned at the January meeting; current cost of bouncers is **\$2409.75** (further discount has been requested but TBD).
 - Adrenaline Rush XL - \$650
 - Adrenaline Rush Fun Size - \$390
 - Dalmatian - \$350
 - Monster Truck - \$300
 - Generators x 3 - \$350
 - Distance - \$45
 - Liability Insurance Coverage - \$306
 - Rent 3, get 4th free – less \$300
 - Tax \$114.75
- Spring Dance
- Junior High focused activities

7.5 Emergent business

- Parent feedback/thought following the Stakeholder Forum
 - Consideration of the role of school council in working together to support and enhance culture and climate of the school to positively impact student learning.

8. Future Business

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

9. Correspondence

- KJ Street Grant Listings (provided in January package)
 - Grant ideas from Ms. Kooger (would need to confirm school interest in grants, staff lead and motion funds if we wish to engage a grant writer):
 - 1. CTF Funding for Junior High options. Specifically sewing machines, money for fine art supplies, and editing software for photography. The teachers are interested in grants that could be applied to these specifically, or to general CTF supplies.
 - 2. Performing Arts grants as a way to pay for new instruments, or paying for the repair of older instruments.

10. Future Meeting Dates:

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

11. Adjournment

New Horizons School Council

Meeting Minutes

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

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

Elizabeth Macve as Meeting Chair.

2. Statement of Territorial Acknowledgement

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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.

**New Horizons School Council Fund Allocation
Summary**

For the 2022/2023 School Year

January 30, 2023

	2022-2023 Allocation of Funds	Funds Disbursed	Funds Motioned but not yet Disbursed	Remaining Funds (Allocated but not Motioned)
School Support	\$ 11,050	\$ 1,075	\$ 7,666	\$ 2,309
Classroom Support	4,000	\$ 905.34	3,095	-
School Enhancement	-	-	-	-
Community Building / Parent Support	950	199	501	250
School Council Administration	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 2,179.80	\$ 11,261.40	\$ 2,558.80

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**Draft New Horizons School Council Fund Allocation
Detailed**

For the 2022/2023 School Year January 30, 2023

	2022-2023 Allocation of Funds	Total Motioned	Disbursed to date	Funds Motioned but not Disbursed	Potential Projects, Items & Ideas Identified (Specific Highlighted Items are Under Consideration for the Education Plan)
School Support					
Clubs	\$ 1,000	\$ 150.00	\$ 98.69	\$ 51.31	Ex. LEGO Mindstorms purchase; Arts & Crafts; Science; Track & Field; Computer, Chess, Maker Carts
Sports & Well Being	500	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00	Ex. Sports Day; School Teams; Mission Impossible; Track 'n Field Competition Day / Healthy School Initiatives - Mindfulness, Health Fair, Yoga Instructor, Back up Lunches
Events	3,000	\$ 2,611.20	\$ 711.20	\$ 1,900.00	Ex. Christmas Play &/or Concert; Talent Show; Art Walk; School Carnival; Kinder Grad; Science Fair; Grade 9 Grad
Junior High Events	1,000	\$ 180.00	\$ 179.62	\$ 0.38	Junior high dances etc. Jr. High fun day
Staff Support	1,200	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	Teacher Meals; Interviews; Staff Appreciation Week; Bereavement; Staff Awards
Academic Support	4,350	\$ 4,350.00	\$ 85.95	\$ 4,264.05	Ex. Artist in Residence, Jr High Drama; Academic Awards Event; "Reach for the Top"; Star Gazer; Art in Residence (Writing or Art); In-School Concert/Production; STEM; IB Programming Support
Total	11,050	\$ 8,741.20	\$ 1,075.46	\$ 7,665.74	
Classroom Support					
Recess Equipment	1,000	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 614.40	\$ 385.60	General Fund for the Entire School
Classroom Incentives	3,000	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 290.94	\$ 2,709.06	Student Based Funding at Teacher Discretion (Ex. reward items, special field trip, classroom fun activities/materials, student incentives) (\$6 per student allocated plus \$100 each for music and French)
Total	4,000	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 905.34	\$ 3,094.66	
School Enhancement					
Sports Equipment	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Technology	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Major Projects	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Playground
Total	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Community Building / Parent Support					
Guest Speakers	450	\$ 200.00	\$ 199.00	\$ 1.00	Guest Speakers
Team/Community Building	500	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 500.00	Ex. Movie Night; BBQ; Dance; Family Game Night; Potluck; Paint Night, Peanut Scramble; Giving Back Campaign
Public Relations/Hospitality		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	School Based Celebrations; Festival of Trees, Science Fair (after hours); Parent Orientation Night
Total	950	\$ 700.00	\$ 199.00	\$ 501.00	
School Council Administration					
General Admin Expenses	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Babysitting	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Total	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 16,000	\$13,441.20	\$ 2,179.80	\$11,261.40	

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New Horizons School Council Fund Allocation				
Amounts Approved in the Minutes			Hidden rows 6-21: use to copy & paste for fund/subcategory	
For the 2022/2023 School Year				
Date Motioned	Fund	Subcategory	Description	Amount
22-Jun-22	Classroom Support	Student incentives	\$6 per student	3,000.00
22-Jun-22	Classroom Support	Recess equipment	Total for School	1,000.00
22-Jun-22	School Support	Events	Grade 9 Grad	700.00
22-Jun-22	School Support	Events	Kindergarten Grad	200.00
22-Jun-22	School Support	Sports and wellbeing	Forgotten Lunches	250.00
7-Sep-22	Community Building / Parent Support	Guest Speakers	Saffron Centre parent presentation - Cyberworld	150.00
7-Sep-22	School Support	Events	Halloween Dance	1,500.00
5-Oct-22	Community Building / Parent Support	Guest Speakers	Saffron Centre parent presentation - Cyberworld (additional amount needed)	50.00
5-Oct-22	School Support	Academic Support	AMA Patrol	250.00
5-Oct-22	School Support	Staff Support	Teacher meals for October 25/22 and March 21/23 (combined total, maximum amount)	1,200.00
2-Nov-22	School Support	Academic Support	Artist in Residence - Move \$50 from Community / Parent Support - Guest Speakers to School Support - Academic Support (for Artist in Residence)	50.00
2-Nov-22	School Support	Academic Support	Artist in Residence	4,050.00
2-Nov-22	School Support	Clubs	GSA (Gay Straight Alliance)	150.00
7-Dec-22	School Support	Events	Motioned remainder of funds motioned but not used for Halloween Dance back to Events	(788.80)
7-Dec-22	School Support	Jr High Events	Wrap up pizza party for girls and boys volleyball	180.00
4-Jan-23	Community Building / Parent Support	Team/Community Building	spring carnival	500.00
4-Jan-23	School Support	Events	spring carnival	1,000.00
				13,441.20

Approved Summary

PivotTable6 - Approved Summary

Fund	Subcategory	Amount (Sum)
▼ Classroom Support	Classroom Incentives	0
	Recess equipment	1,000.00
	Student incentives	3,000.00
Classroom Support Total		4,000.00
▼ Community Building / Parent Support	Guest Speakers	200.00
	Public Relations/Hospitality	0
	Team/Community Building	500.00
Community Building / Parent Support Total		700.00
▼ School Council Administration	Babysitting	0
	General Admin Expenses	0
School Council Administration Total		0
▼ School Enhancement	Major Projects	0
	Sports Equipment	0
	Technology	0
School Enhancement Total		0
▼ School Support	Academic Support	4,350.00
	Clubs	150.00
	Events	2,611.20
	Jr High Events	180.00
	Sports and wellbeing	250.00
	Staff Support	1,200.00
School Support Total		8,741.20
Grand Total		13,441.20

Disbursed Summary

PivotTable2 - Disbursed Summary

Fund	Subcategory	Amount (Sum)
▼ Classroom Support	Classroom Incentives	0
	Recess equipment	614.40
	Student Incentives	290.94
Classroom Support Total		905.34
▼ Community Building / Parent Support	Guest Speakers	199.00
	Public Relations/Hospitality	0
	Team/Community Building	0
Community Building / Parent Support Total		199.00
▼ School Council Administration	Babysitting	0
	General Admin Expenses	0
School Council Administration Total		0
▼ School Enhancement	Major Projects	0
	Sports Equipment	0
	Technology	0
School Enhancement Total		0
▼ School Support	Academic Support	85.95
	Clubs	98.69
	Events	711.20
	Jr High Events	179.62
	Sports and Wellbeing	0
	Staff Support	0
School Support Total		1,075.46
Grand Total		2,179.80

Incentives by Teacher

PivotTable3 - Incentives by Teacher

Subcategory	Paid to	Amount (Sum)
▼ Academic Support	Andrea Watson	85.95
Academic Support Total		85.95
▼ Clubs	Sarah Fairfull	98.69
Clubs Total		98.69
▼ Events	New Horizons School	711.20
Events Total		711.20
▼ Guest Speakers	New Horizons School	199.00
Guest Speakers Total		199.00
▼ Jr High Events	Sarah Fairfull	179.62
Jr High Events Total		179.62
▼ Recess equipment	Savanna Sweetman	614.40
Recess equipment Total		614.40
▼ Student Incentives	Amanda Panas	42.86
	Jamie Ho	11.21
	Marisa Araujo	20.74
	Meghan Eccles	111.29
	Savanna Sweetman	104.84
Student Incentives Total		290.94
Grand Total		2,179.80

2023/24 School Calendar

Approved Date: Approved in Principle – 2023-01-18

August 2023						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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September 2023						
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October 2023						
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November 2023						
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December 2023						
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January 2024						
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February 2024						
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March 2024						
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April 2024						
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May 2024						
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June 2024						
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July 2024						
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- School Closed/ Holidays
- Day in Lieu of Conferences (school closed for students and staff)
- PD / Organizational Day / School closed for students
- First and Last Day of School
- Early Dismissal – Staff Meeting

Important Dates	
Organizational /PD Days	August 29 & 30
Classes Begin for Students	August 31
Labour Day	September 4
Truth and Reconciliation Day	September 30
Thanksgiving Day	October 9
IPP Writing Day	October 19
Charter School Teachers' Conference	October 20
Fall Break	November 6 - 10
Remembrance Day	November 11 Day-in-lieu November 10
Professional Development Day	November 13
Classes Resume	November 14
Days in Lieu of P/T Conferences	November 9
Winter Break	December 23 – January 7 Inclusive
Classes Resume	January 8
Professional Development Day	January 31
Teachers' Convention	February 8 - 9
Family Day	February 19
Intake Day	March 1
Days in Lieu of P/T Conferences	March 22
Spring Break	March 23 – April 1 Inclusive
Good Friday	March 29
Easter Monday	April 1
Classes Resume	April 2
Professional Development Day	May 3
Professional Development Day	May 16
Days in Lieu of P/T Conferences	May 17
Victoria Day	May 20
National Indigenous Peoples Day No Exams	June 21
Final Day for Students	June 26
Organizational Day	June 27

EIPS bus transportation is available for all student instructional days.

Operational and Instructional Days		
Month	Days of School Operation	Days of Student Instruction
August	3	1
September	20	20
October	21	19
November	17	16
December	16	16
January	18	17
February	20	18
March	15	14
April	21	21
May	21	19
June	19	18
Total	191	179

New Horizons School Council

Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2023
Meeting Called to Order: 7:01PM
Meeting Adjourned: 8:41PM
Hybrid In-Person (New Horizons School) / Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Sarah-Jane Lovgren, Anita Sanderson, Rebecca Koziak, Ellen Hanna, Chelsee Ladouceur, Sarah Litvinchuk, Erin Thomas, Lori Vigfusson, Marisa Araujo, Sarah Fairfull, Anika Kooger, Dean Lindquist, Brianne Davio, Laurel Cleall, Trevor Cleall, Jaycee Commance-Arbour, Liam Kelly, Shannon Kurie, Sarah MacDonald, Raena Schindel

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

In the absence of School Council Chair and Co-Chair, Ellen Hanna (Communications Officer) & Rebeca Koziak (Secretary) Co-Chair this meeting. Three members of School Council Executive are in attendance; therefore, quorum is met.

2. Statement of Territorial Acknowledgement

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3. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Chelsee Ladouceur moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Anita Sanderson. Motion Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

January 4, 2022

MOTION: Anita Sanderson moved to adopt the Minutes as presented. Seconded by Chelsee Ladouceur. Motion Carried.

5. Reports

5.1 Chair/Vice-Chair Report

Nothing to report.

5.2 Principal's Report

The Statement of Territorial Acknowledgement is spoken at the beginning of each staff meeting followed by a personal comment on a staff member's personal relationship to the land. This addition to the acknowledgement recognizes our connection to the land and its significance.

Grades 1 & 2 remain in their temporary classrooms in the portables and learning commons while construction continues in the affected classrooms. Children have adjusted to their new routines. Drying was completed last week, microbial testing this week. We should have results within the week. As far as a timeline goes, we are unsure of what to anticipate. If the drying process was successful and there's no mould, children could return to their regular classrooms as soon as 6 weeks.

A key element of the NHS Education Plan that was missing over the pandemic was our "Buddy" program. We have welcomed "buddies" back into our school's culture with weekly leadership and community helper opportunities for our Jr. High students to engage with the students in lower grades. This time provides community building opportunities within our school's population, as well as allows staff to engage in in-school professional development. "House" activities are also being re-introduced with a variety of STEM activities.

Info Night on January 11, 2023 was successful. We saw an increase in attendance — about 125 more people than our last pre-pandemic session.

We have a number of teachers who are working on their Masters and many who are interested in taking on active leadership roles. Ms. Watson has started a book club as a community building and professional development initiative amongst staff.

As a part of our social emotional learning framework and vested interest in mental health and psychology, we are introducing the Open Parachute Program. This K-12 resource has a variety of lessons that can be shared with families to give students skills to support their Mental Health. Topics include relationships and healthy boundaries and offer examples and strategies using peer voices with video-based lessons created by Clinical Psychologists. More information can be found [here](#).

ECSS Psychological Services is providing their third round of group counselling sessions. There is now additional communication with families so they know what's taking place during sessions. Grades 6 and 9 will have Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) this year, so ECSS will be working with these groups to provide assistance with test anxiety and studying strategies.

Outsourced SLP and OT support has a more consistent schedule and are now seeing students on Fridays.

Today's e-mail regarding hand-foot-and-mouth disease in our school included information from Alberta Health Services. We will monitor affected classrooms and encourage students to complete frequent hand washing, especially before eating.

While discussing this, Ms. Kooger shared that all classrooms have a selection of hand sanitizer and hand sanitizing wipes that have been approved by AHS for moments where soap and water is not easily accessible.

5.3 Financial Officer's Report

We are awaiting confirmation as to whether AGLC Casino funds can be utilized for the Artist in Residence Program — if not, funds will be redistributed as required. This will be revisited in March.

5.4 FANHS Report

January's Bottle Drive saw a profit of \$477.50 for FANHS. The Hot Lunch Program is a great success. Sales for Cycles 1 & 2 have gone well and families are enjoying the variety of options. Sales for Cycle 3 will open in the coming weeks for food service in March and April.

5.5 Communication Officer's Report

Social media engagement is still improving. Having streamlined communications, with School Council and FANHS working in collaboration, is proving to be successful.

6. Motion to Accept Reports

MOTION: Erin Thomas moved to accept reports as presented. Seconded by Anita Sanderson. Motion Carried.

SC failed to motion January's reports in January — reports as per SC Meeting Minutes | January 2023 were referred to for a Motion to Accept Reports.

MOTION: Anita Sanderson moved to accept reports from January 2023. Seconded by Ellen Hanna. Motion Carried.

7. New Business

7.1 Artist in Residence

7.1 (A) Rhythm Rhythm Rhythm

Report shared by Ms. Kooger.

The Artist in Residence programming with Rhythm Rhythm Rhythm is coming to a close. Thank you to School Council for financial assistance with this year's programming. NHS has received great feedback from kids and staff. A community drum circle finale will take place on Friday, February 3, 2023.

7.1 (B) 2023/2024 Artist in Residence Programming

As per January'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. The financial commitment is low; therefore, depending on budget and timing, there may be an opportunity to welcome more than one Artist in Residence for 2023/2024. Ms. Araujo has offered to be the staff liaison for programming with Kit Dohaylo for the 2023/2024 school year.

MOTION: Ellen Hanna moved to accept the proposal for Artist in Residence programming with Kit Dohaylo for the 2023/2024 school year with Ms. Araujo as the staff liaison. Seconded by Erin Thomas. Motion Carried.

7.2 2023/2024 School Calendar

Find attached School Council's Recommendations for Proposed 2023/24 School Calendar as sent to Superintendent Lindquist — all details noted as communicated and agreed upon during the School Council Meeting on February 1, 2023.

7.3 Alberta School Council AGM and Conference

“The Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) is the provincial association representing parents on school council. Recognized as the voice of parents in public education, ASCA presents the parent perspective to government and education organizations in Alberta and provides resources, supports, services and learning opportunities to enhance parent engagement and school council effectiveness.”

Prior to the pandemic, registration for one representative of SC was paid for by NHS for the Alberta School Council AGM and Conference. Proposed advocacy resolutions are not yet posted. NHS engagement in the AGM depends largely on the proposed resolutions. This will be revisited in March.

7.4 Staff Funding Requests

Jr. High Fun Day celebrates the end of the school year. Ms. Araujo and Ms. Fairfull made a request of up to \$200 for snacks for students in Grades 7/8/9.

MOTION: Rebecca Koziak moved to accept the request as presented. Seconded by Sarah-Jane Lovgren. Motion Carried.

7.5 Future School Event Planning and SC Outreach

7.5 (A) Spring Carnival

The Spring Carnival event will take place on May 27, 2023. This event cannot run without volunteers. As such, an entrance fee has been discussed — the amount will be determined at the School Council meeting on March 1, 2023. If a

parent commits to a volunteer shift, the entrance fee will be waived for their family. Families who do not wish to volunteer will be charged a fee per family. One of the reasons for an entrance fee is to ensure commitment, gauge attendance, and aide with planning. For example, NHS has 280 families — 35% RSVP'd to attend the Halloween Dance. As was the case with the Halloween Dance, families who wish to participate but do not have it within their budget to pay the entrance fee are welcome to advise Ms. Vigfusson to have the fee waived. It is important to SC that all families feel welcome at our community building events.

There was discussion between DIY food concessions or outsourced food truck vendors — there are pros and cons to both options. While the DIY option could be a fundraiser for FANHHS, it would also require a greater number of volunteers and appropriate food quantity estimates in order to be mindful of expenses and limit food waste. Hiring food trucks may be favourable as there would be no cost directly to SC and no requirement of additional volunteers. This would come at a higher cost to families. Planning outside the windows of typical meal times may aide in limited food and beverage requirements i.e. within the range of 1:00PM and 5:00PM, offering a later lunch/early dinner option. Exact timeframe and number of hours will be determined based on rentals of entertainment. This will be revisited in March.

7.5 (B) Grade 9 Farewell

Report shared by Ms. Fairfull.

Grade 9 students have expressed interest in having an evening dance. All students in Grades 7-9 are welcome. Grade 9 students will get in for free and may be welcome to bring one guest. There may be a small ticket fee for students in Grades 7 & 8. The logistics of the event are to be determined. Grade 9 students will be a part of the decision making process and will take leadership of bringing their event to life. With regard to budgeting, there may be interest in hiring a DJ and having a photo booth like the Halloween Dance — additional expenses will be considered this month. This will be revisited in March.

7.5 (C) National Indigenous Day — June 21, 2023

Report shared by Ms. Araujo.

National Indigenous Day is June 21, 2023. In previous years, this has been celebrated with various lessons and sharing Bannock with the Jr. High students (125 students). Budget requests for this event will be determined and presented in March.

Ms. Vigfusson expressed interest in budgeting for the whole school population to participate. Rebecca Koziak has offered to review Grant opportunities to support this celebration.

7.6 Emergent Business

7.6 (A) The Role of School Council

According to the School Council Resource Guide as presented by Alberta School Councils' Association, "School councils are structured groups of parents, principals, teachers, secondary students and community representatives who work together to effectively support and enhance student learning. They provide a means for members of the school community to consult with and provide advice to the principal and the school board." The same is shared on the Alberta Government's website.

7.6 (B) School Council as a Liaison Between families, Administration, and the School Board

The Board of Directors invited families and staff members to participate in the 2023 Stakeholder Forum on January 23, 2023. Topics for discussion included Civil Discourse and Diverse Student Needs. Following the Forum, SC received feedback from a number of parents who have expressed concerns regarding advocacy, NHS meeting the needs of gifted students according to the mandate as set forth in the Charter, the perceived lack of extra curricular activities, and ineffective communication. As such, Superintendent Lindquist was invited to participate in this meeting as we consider the role of School Council in working together to support and enhance the culture and climate of NHS to positively impact student learning.

7.6 (C) The New Horizons School Charter

The New Horizons School Charter has not been reviewed since 2012. As such, there are questions regarding its validity and time for review. Superintendent Lindquist shared that the Charter, values, and admissions process are due for review by the Board in the new year.

Vision

"New Horizons School will enable gifted students to strive for excellence in a positive academic learning environment that fosters social and emotional support for each student." Some parents questioned whether enrichment needs are being met and if all children are being equally supported.

School Mission Statement

"The mission of New Horizons Charter School is to meet the special academic needs of gifted learners in a congregated setting in an environment that is low-anxiety, positive, and supportive of the individual. Gifted students need opportunities to be challenged, to think alternatively, and to pursue learning according to their own learning styles."

7.6 (D) Concerns with Extraordinary Behavioural Issues

Superintendent Lindquist shared that all students who qualify based on the

mandate as set forth in the School's Charter, are welcome (permitting there's a seat available); however, the concern expressed by many parents, specifically pertaining to children who are Twice-exceptional (2E) is behavioural dysregulation and its effect on other students and staff. The extraordinary behavioural consequences of some students are affecting the overall social, emotional, and academic learning and experiences of other students.

Does NHS have appropriate funding and services available to provide the resources required to support these children? While reallocation of educational assistants may be a temporary consideration, what is the longterm response? Will the Board prioritize fund allocation towards additional resources such as educational assistants, behavioural therapists, or other resources as suggested by Administration? If there are many children who require additional support due to extraordinary behavioural issues, it is not a question of if the Board can allocate funding to appropriate additional resources (educational assistants or otherwise), but when. NHS and the Board needs to take responsibility in order to protect the overall safety of the other students and staff since behaviours can be unpredictable.

Families who have shared their concerns with SC are less concerned about screening for behavioural issues than they are about supporting all children's needs equally, as well as the overall safety of students and staff. While NHS is supporting some students exclusively in aiding in regulating behavioural issues, other children's needs are not being fulfilled i.e. those who require one on one reading support, high level mathematics opportunities etc. — this is when NHS is not supporting all children equally.

7.6 (E) Effective Communication

Since the onset of the 2022/2023 school year, the SC & FANHS Communications team has worked to develop effective communication and engagement with families. SC works towards advising and advocating on behalf of all NHS families and understands that effective communication in a variety of forms i.e. social media, direct e-mail, and in person are equally important. Families want to know what is happening within the NHS community i.e. direct communication regarding the extra curricular activities that are offered as opposed to relying on children to convey the message of the bigger picture of the school.

- When issues are presented regarding specific children and/or scenarios that are beyond the scope of SC's role, SC can advise families of correct methods of communication with solution based discussions as the focus.

Classroom specific issues:

1. Speak with teacher.
2. Speak with Administration.
3. Speak with the Board.

4. Speak with the Superintendent.

- Is the understanding of giftedness being presented to families appropriately? Superintendent Lindquist, Ms. Vigfusson, and SC will request that the Board revisit effective communication.

8. Future Business

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

9. Correspondence

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

10. Future Meeting Dates:

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

11. Meeting Adjourned: 8:41PM.

February 7, 2023

Re: School Council's Recommendations for Proposed 2023/24 School Calendar

Dear Superintendent Lindquist,

In reviewing the proposed 2023/24 School Calendar (Approved Date: Approved in Principle — 2023-01-18), School Council has the following recommendations:

1. School Council is in favour of families receiving IPPS earlier in the school year than the proposed IPP Writing Date of October 19, 2023 would result in. Historically, IPP Writing Day is earlier, which allows for a collaborative team effort involving the student, parents and/or guardians, and NHS to support the student's learning experiences; therefore, being a beneficial way for all parties to start a new school year. If IPPS are not received until late October/early November, it is hard for students, educators, and families to set appropriate goals and expectations for the year ahead.

School Council proposes eliminating the PD Day on November 13, 2023 and moving it to Friday, October 6, 2023 for IPP Writing Day — this PD Day is in line with the EIPS Division Calendar 2023-24 and is consistent with the school's usual IPP Writing Day.

2. School Council is in favour of maintaining the proposed PD Days of October 19 & 20, 2023 and acknowledge and appreciate the impetus behind the selected dates. It is our understanding that these dates would be utilized for professional development as well as travel to Calgary, AB for attendance at a Charter School conference taking place on the 20th. While this biennial conference affects instructional days, School Council is in favour of maintaining October 19, 2023 as a PD Day with appropriate professional development opportunities for teachers to enhance their professional growth and, therefore, support student learning. October 19, 2023 also allows for group travel to Calgary as proposed by yourself — Superintendent Lindquist — and Ms. Vigfusson. With the understanding that all staff would participate in professional development prior to travel, and that the impetus behind traveling the day prior to the conference is due to travel safety and budgeting, School Council is in favour of maintaining the proposed PD Days of October 19 & 20, 2023.

School Council believes that staff and students would equally benefit from additional professional development opportunities for the staff at NHS. A consideration for the Board: Are staff offered professional development that includes appropriate enrichment opportunities for our students?

School Council understands that this biennial conference will affect the instructional days of alternating years; therefore, while the 2023/24 school year sees 2 fewer instructional days, we recognize that the 2024/25 school year will see 2 additional instructional days.

3. As per the proposed calendar, School Council is in favour of ensuring that EIPS bus transportation is available for all student instructional days.

4. School Council recognizes that some parents are concerned with falling below 180 instructional days (the proposed calendar provides 179 instructional days) which doesn't allow room for surprises such as illness or the 2022/23 flood and how these events impact a student's learning.

Ms. Vigfusson shared that since pandemic restrictions have eased, NHS has the opportunity to reintroduce strategies within the school day to allow for professional development in shorter periods of time — as well as more consistently. For example, “Buddy” activities allow staff to engage in in-school professional development while Div. 3 students provide leadership in a mentorship role. School Council is in favour of maintaining balance between instructional days and PD Days mirroring those established by EIPS, so that staff and students are equally supported in their education journey at NHS. School Council is happy to support Ms. Vigfusson in the professional development strategies that she would like to implement within school hours, since it engages students in unique ways and creates community within NHS while also offering opportunities for teachers to enhance their professional growth and, therefore, support student learning.

Kindly,
New Horizons School Council

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Rebecca Koziak
School Council Secretary

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