

New Horizons School Council

Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2024
Meeting Called to Order: 7:07PM
Meeting Adjourned: 8:12PM
Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Elizabeth Macve, Sarah-Jane Lovgren, Anita Sanderson, Rebecca Koziak, Ellen Hanna, Amanda Bullion, Julie Jackson, Eeksha Kakkan, Denette Leask, Lori Vigfusson, Raman Brar, Chelsea Ladouceur, Leah McCoy, Stacey Stang-Sass

1. Meeting Called to Order: 7:07PM.

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: Julie Jackson moved to adopt the Agenda as presented.
Seconded by Sarah-Jane Lovgren. Motion Carried.**

4. Approval of Minutes

March 6, 2024

**MOTION: Denette Leask moved to adopt the Minutes as presented.
Seconded by Sarah-Jane Lovgren. Motion Carried.**

5. Reports

5.1 Chair/Vice-Chair/Secretary Report

Chair: Nothing to report.

Vice-Chair: Nothing to report.

Secretary: The Artist in Residence Program with Cassidie Miller of Studio YEG Art was successful, with most pieces complete for the Celebration of Learning. The collaborative projects are still in progress and Cass will return to build the totem sculpture onsite later this week. Mallory Chipman has been secured for the 2024/2025 Artist in Residence Program with dates set for November. The AFA Grant is in progress.

5.2 Principal's Report

See attached.

5.3 Financial Officer's Report

2023/2024 Allocation of Funds: \$29,500.

Funds Motioned: \$22,302.

Funds Disbursed: \$7,316.

Funds Motioned but not yet disbursed: \$14,986.

Remaining Funds: \$7,198.

Additional funding is required to support the Staff Appreciation Meal provided during the Celebration of Learning (March 12 & 13, 2024). Funds are available to support the surcharge (\$550 was motioned in February, whereas the total came to \$597.19). The balance can be reallocated from the School Support — Staff Support (Staff Appreciation) that was previously allocated to the Gratitude Cart (December 2023).

**MOTION: Rebecca Koziak motioned for the reallocation as presented.
Seconded by Amanda Bullion. Motion Carried.**

Request for \$130 from School Support — Wellbeing to support the purchase of solar viewers so students can safely view the partial solar eclipse.

**MOTION: Ellen Hanna motioned for the funding allocation as presented.
Seconded by Sarah-Jane Lovgren. Motion Carried.**

5.4 FANHS Report

Report shared by Rebecca Koziak.

Attendance at additional professional development opportunities:

- [Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organizations \(ECVO\) Bylaws Workshop](#),

attendance: March 8, 2024 (Julie Jackson & Rebecca Koziak).

- [Integral Org Intro to Governance: Principles of good governance for nonprofits](#),

attendance: March 21, 2024 (Ellen Hanna, Julie Jackson & Rebecca Koziak).

Full report to be shared at FANHS meeting directly following.

5.5 Communication Officer's Report

The Communications Team is working directly with Administration to develop a Parent Perspectives form to provide an additional opportunity for parents to communicate while recognizing appropriate lines of communication or which avenue of communication their topic or idea will best suit. While some topics may be presented as soon as the upcoming SC meeting, there will be a caveat that depending on the topic, there may be time constraints that impact the ability to prepare for this conversation. Details to come.

5.6 Committee Reports

(A) Halloween Dance Committee

Date: TBD

(B) Spring Carnival Committee

Date: May 25, 2024, 12:00PM - 3:00PM

A Committee meeting will be scheduled ahead of the next SC meeting. This year, we'll plan to invite new families once their registrations are completed and will have NHS Ambassadors onsite to greet and welcome new families into our NHS community. About 80 families RSVP'd last year. So far, we anticipate the return of "Splash the Staff," bouncers, and glitter tattoos with new food trucks (casa12doce and 8 Acres Coffee).

(C) Grant Committee

Writing of the [Alberta Foundation for the Arts Artists and Education Funding Grant](#) is underway. The Grant is due **May 1, 2024** with results anticipated Autumn 2024.

Results are anticipated regarding the [TD Friends of the Environment Foundation Grant](#) later this month.

(D) Book Club Committee

Date: Ongoing

Nothing to report.

(E) Parent Link (to be renamed)

The Committee is scheduled to meet next week. Report to be shared in May.

(F) Holiday

Nothing to report.

6. Motion to Accept Reports

**MOTION: Julie Jackson moved to accept reports as presented.
Seconded by Ellen Hanna. Motion Carried.**

7. New Business

7.1 Staff Report

(A) Funding Requests

i. [Rocks & Rings School Curling Program](#) through Curling Canada has been scheduled for May 24, 2024 with pickup the following week. In addition to supporting physical wellness within the school, this will be an entertainment opportunity for the Spring Carnival. \$370 is requested from School Support — Wellbeing.

MOTION: Chelsee Ladouceur moved to accept the funding allocation as presented. Seconded by Amanda Bullion. Motion Carried.

(B) School Update

Staff share their gratitude for the meals provided during the Celebration of Learning.

7.2 Future School Event Planning and SC Outreach

(A) Event Planning

- Pet Wall

Missing the vibrancy of the Kindess Wall, a parent suggested a pet wall, so with National Pet Day in April, we'll dedicate the month to pets. \$50 is requested from School Council Administration — General Admin Expenses to support printing.

MOTION: Sarah-Jane Lovgren moved to accept the funding allocation as presented.

Seconded by Julie Jackson. Motion Carried.

(B) Field Trip Opportunities

Nothing to report.

7.3 Parent Perspectives

Nothing to report. Staff are presently planning field trips for next year. Suggestions are welcome and can be shared as a Parent Perspective or shared directly with Administration.

8. Future Business

9. Correspondence

None.

10. Future Meeting Dates

May 1, 2024

June 5, 2024

All meetings are scheduled from 7:00PM and will be held as Hybrid In-Person (New Horizons School) / Virtual Meetings unless otherwise stated.

11. Meeting Adjourned: 8:12PM.

Principal's Report to School Council

April 3, 2024

Lori Vigfusson

Principal

New Horizons School

Swimming Lessons: Grades 1s and 2s will begin lessons on April 22. These will end on June 17.

Volunteer Tea: Our annual volunteer tea takes place next Thursday, April 11 at 9:00 a.m. Staff provide the snacks, students provide the entertainment, you provide your presence! We really want to show our appreciation to all parent volunteers whether it is on field trips, in classrooms, at lunch, around the school for prep, at pick-up and drop-off, or on school council, the board, or FANHS. Our school is the amazing place it is because of our volunteers. Please let us thank you! RSVP today!

Spring Concert: Our Spring Concert for grade 5 and 6 and music/drama groups takes place on April 11. There will be 2 concert times-1:30- 2:30 and 6:30-7:30. RSVP will be sent home this week.

Surveys: We received board survey responses from 60 families. These results will be used along with the Alberta Education Surveys and the Stakeholder Survey results to inform the annual education plan.

Admissions: We had 189 complete applications with 95 in Kindergarten and the rest in a variety of grades. The admissions committee will meet after the break to review applications and inform families of the decision.

Celebration of Learning: We hosted our Celebration of Learning on March 12 and 13th. Artist in Residence projects were on display along with a variety of curricular activities for students to demonstrate their learning to parents and caregivers.

School Clubs

- Boys and Girls Basketball is finished and all teams had a successful season. Congratulations to our Girls team who won gold in the junior division. The cup is on display in the Lobby.
- Badminton has begun for Junior High with the tournaments on April 22 and 25th.
- Handball for Junior High will begin tryouts this week.
- School Reach went to regional tournament on March 9. Our intermediate team finished 1st and our Junior team finished 3rd. Both teams will be going to provincials in Calgary on April 13.
- Lego club for grades 1-3 is underway.
- Intramurals for grades 4 and up are continuing with badminton being the focus for now. We have been invited to a 5/6 tournament on April 27. Tryouts took place this morning. Unfortunately we only have

space for 16 students so not all students will be able to participate. Thank you to Ms. Eccles and Ms. Sweetman for supporting this.

- Pokémon Club for grades 4-9 continues.
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