

New Horizons School School Council Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2025

7:00PM - 8:00PM

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

Attendees: Elizabeth Macve, Chelsee Ladouceur, Sarah-Jane Lovgren, Ellen Hanna, Carla Jones, Anita Sanderson, Raman Brar, Denette Leask, Lori Vigfusson, Julie Jackson, Adam Koziak, Eeksha K. Kakkan,
Stacey Stang-Sass, Beverly Eastman, Brianne Davio, Jamie Lambert-Brown, Rebecca Koziak, Dianne Villacura

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:03 p.m.

Elizabeth Macve as 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: Sarah-Jane Lovgren moved to adopt the agenda as presented.
Seconded by Denette Leask, motion carried.**

4. Approval of Minutes: November 6, 2024

**MOTION: Sarah-Jane Lovgren moved to approve the Minutes as presented.
Seconded by Lori Vigfusson, motion carried.**

5. Reports

5.1. Chair/Vice-Chair/Secretary Report

Vice-Chair shared their appreciation for the holiday concert, and the flow of the performances was effective.

5.2. Principal's Report

See Attached

5.3. Financial Officer's Report

School Council has motioned \$19,535 motioned and \$5806 dispersed. Fund allocation tables on the website are up to date.

5.4. FANHS Report

FANHS held the general meeting and audited financial records were presented. These records have been sent into the Government of Alberta.

5.5. Communication Officer's Report

The newsletter will now include a junior high section.

Council would like to start including parenting resources in the newsletter – parents can share resources that have been helpful to them. There will be a disclaimer that the school does not specifically endorse these resources.

Information about high school open houses will be included in the newsletter as applicable.

Information for newsletters need to be received by Thursdays.

Offering coffee cards as an incentive to read the newsletter has been effective, and the decision was made to continue.

Launching Hearts on Valentine's Day; will run through March, which is Kindness Month.

Motion: Lori Vigfusson moved to disperse \$50 from community building/parent support – public relations/hospitality for coffee cards. Seconded by Sarah-Jane Lovgren, motion carried.

5.6. Committee Reports

No committee reports offered.

6. Motion to Accept Reports

MOTION: Sarah-Jane Lovgren moved to accept the Reports as presented. Seconded by Lori Vigfusson, motion carried.

7. New Business

7.1. Motions Required:

- Artist in Residence
 - o School council would like the next program to include all students from K-9.
 - o Grant applications are due in April, so ideas and teacher feedback need to be collected for consideration earlier.
 - Other schools may have lists of existing artists/providers.
 - Active ideas in addition to artistic ones.
 - Some ideas include: having alumnus back, mobile escape room, Fitset Ninja, hip hop/3rd Street Beats, local author (i.e. Marty Chan).

- Funding requests:
 - o GSA
 - **MOTION: Julie Jackson moved to disperse \$200 for a button maker from School Support – Clubs.**
 - **Seconded by Denette Leask**
 - o Rubix Cube club
 - **MOTION: Dinette Leask moved to disperse up to \$200 from clubs to purchase special cubes for the Rubix Cube Club from School Support – Clubs.**
 - **Seconded by Sarah-Jane Lovgren.**
 - o Wisest Conference
 - Would like to send four students at \$45/student; put in a request for four additional students.
 - Funds coming from extracurricular pot; no motion needed.
 - o Science Olympics
 - One team is registered.
 - **MOTION: Sarah-Jane Lovgren moved to disperse \$170 for registration fees out of School Support - Clubs.**
 - **Seconded by Denette Leask.**
 - o Movie Night
 - Elementary movie night in January/February.
 - Junior high movie or sports watch party in May/June.
 - **MOTION: Lori Vigfusson moved to disperse \$500 for the elementary movie night and \$500 for the junior high movie/sports night from Community Building/Parent Support - Team Community Building.**
 - **Seconded by Denette Leask.**
 - o Spring Carnival
 - Funding will come from a few different categories.
 - **MOTION: Lori Vigfusson moved to disperse \$2500 from School Support – Events and \$1000 from Community Building/Parent Support – Team/Community Building for the Spring Carnival.**
 - **Seconded by Denette Leask.**
 - o Fitset Ninja
 - **MOTION: Lori Vigfusson moved to disperse up to \$3500 from School Support - Academic Support for Fitset Ninja.**
 - **Seconded by Sarah-Jane Lovgren.**

1.2. Staff Report

- Kindness Week is January 20-24.
- Winter Walk Day is January 28.
- Many clubs are in progress and are well attended.
- Concession coming up:
 - o January 21: pizza
 - o January 28: hot dogs
 - o February 5: taco in a bag

- Starting a student union – applications closing second week of January.

1.3.Future School Event Planning and SC Outreach

- No report

1.4. Parent Perspectives

- Removing this category from subsequent agendas.

1. Future Business

No update

2. Correspondence

N/A

3. Future Meeting Dates

- February 5, 2025
- March 5, 2025
- April 2, 2025
- May 7, 2025
- June 4, 2025

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11. Meeting Adjourned

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.