

New Horizons School School Council Meeting Agenda

**Nov 5, 2025
7:00PM - 8:00PM
Virtual Meeting**

1. Meeting Called 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: Oct 1, 2025

5. Reports

5.1. Chair/Vice-Chair/Secretary Report/Junior High Liaison/Officer at Large

5.2. Principal's Report

5.3. Staff Report

5.4. Finance Officer's Report

5.5. FANHS Report

5.6. Communication Officer's Report

5.7. Committee Reports

6. Motion to accept reports

7. New Business

7.1. Future School Event Planning and SC Outreach

7.1.1. Movie Night (Jan/Feb - select a date)

7.1.2. Spring Carnival

8. Future Business

9. Future Meeting Dates

(No meeting in December)

January 7, 2025

February 4, 2025

Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings are scheduled from 7:00PM - 8:00PM and will be held as Hybrid In-Person (New Horizons School) / Virtual Meetings.

10. Meeting Adjourned

New Horizons School Council Fund Allocation Summary

For the 2025/2026 School Year

November 5, 2025

	2024-2025 Allocation of Funds	Funds Motioned	Funds Disbursed	Funds Motioned but not yet Disbursed	Remaining Funds Not Motioned
School Support	\$16,775	\$12,575	\$5,734	\$6,841	\$4,200
School Enhancement	-	-	-	-	-
Community Building / Parent Support	7,000	2,065	102	1,963	4,935
School Council Administration	150	150	-	150	-
GRAND TOTAL:	\$23,925	\$14,790	\$5,835	\$8,955	\$9,135
ASCE Grant		\$500			-

New Horizons School Council Fund Allocation Detailed

For the 2025/2026 School Year

November 5, 2025

	2025-2026 Allocation of Funds	Total Motioned	Disbursed to date	Remaining Funds Not Motioned	ntified (Specific Highlighted Items are Under Consideration for the Education Plan)
School Support					
Clubs	\$ 725	\$ 525	\$ -	\$ 200.00	GSA, Casual Chess Club, REACH - club & event registration, materials
Wellbeing	500	500	-	-	Student Aid Fund, Mental Health Advocay, Dream Catcher (program & bussing), Forgotten lunches
Events	1,550	1,550	-	-	Graduations, dances
Staff Support	3,000	3,000	160	-	Teacher Meals; Interviews, Staff Appreciation
Academic Support	11,000	7,000	5,573	4,000	Artist in Residence, Alternate Learning Environments (maker space & outdoor classroom)
Total	16,775	12,575	5,734	4,200	
School Enhancement					
Major Projects	-	-	-	-	
Total	-	-	-	-	
Community Building / Parent Support					
Guest Speakers	900	400	3	500	Guest Speakers
Team/Community Building	6,000	1,565	99	4,435	Ex. Movie Night; BBQ; Dance; Family Game Night; Potluck; Paint Night, Peanut Scramble; Giving Back Campaign
Public Relations/Hospitality	100	100	-	-	School Based Celebrations; Festival of Trees, Science Fair (after hours); Parent Orientation Night
Total	7,000	2,065	102	4,935	
School Council Administration					
General Admin Expenses	150	150	-	-	Office Supplies, printing as needed
Total	150	150	-	-	
GRAND TOTAL: \$	23,925	\$ 14,790	\$ 5,835.43	\$ 9,135	
ASCE Grant \$	500				Use for Executive Function Workshop

New Horizons School Council Fund Allocation**Amounts Approved in the Minutes****For the 2025/2026 School Year**

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Date Motioned	Fund	Subcategory	Description	Amount (\$)
25-Sep-03	School Support	Clubs	GSA - general funds	225.00
25-Sep-03	School Support	Clubs	AMA Patroller	300.00
25-Sep-03	School Support	Wellbeing	5K for Gr 5 - Flight to the Finish	500.00
25-Sep-03	School Support	Events	Kindergarten graduation	250.00
25-Sep-03	School Support	Events	Grade 6 graduation	500.00
25-Sep-03	School Support	Events	Grade 9 graduation / JR dance	800.00
25-Sep-03	School Support	Staff Support	Staff appreciation - teacher meals	2,000.00
25-Sep-03	School Support	Staff Support	Staff appreciation - other	1,000.00
25-Sep-03	School Support	Academic Support	AIR - Groovebox	7,000.00
25-Sep-03	Community Building/Parent	Guest Speakers	Babysitting for guest speaker events	200.00
25-Sep-03	Community Building/Parent	Guest Speakers	Executive Function Workshop	200.00
25-Sep-03	Community Building/Parent Support	Team/Community Building	Free Events (eg. move, hockey, live performances)	1,500.00
25-Sep-03	Community Building/Parent Support	Team/Community Building	Holiday sing along	65.00
25-Sep-03	Community Building/Parent Support	Public Relations/Hospitality	Gift cards for newsletter game	100.00
25-Sep-03	School Council Administration	General Admin Expenses	Office supplies and printing as needed	150.00
			Total:	14,790.00

**New Horizons School Council Fund Allocation
Approved to be Disbursed
For the 2025/2026 School Year**

Expenditure Date	Date Approved	Paid to	Fund	Subcategory	Description	Amount (\$)
Sep 15, 2025	Sep 22, 2025	New Horizons School	School Support	Academic Support	Artist in Residence - Groovebox	5,573.27
Sep 12, 2025	Sep 23, 2025	Stacey Stang-Sass	Community Building/Parent Support	Team/Community Building	Meet the teacher BBQ - veggie dogs and prizes	131.10
Sep 25, 2025	Sep 30, 2025	FANHS	Community Building/Parent Support	Guest Speakers	Executive Functioning Workshop - bottled water	2.79
Sep 9, 2025	Oct 23, 2025	Ellen Hanna	School Support	Staff Support	Teacher Appreciation Cart	160.47
Sep 12, 2025	Sep 23, 2025	Stacey Stang-Sass	Community Building/Parent Support	Team/Community Building	Meet the teacher BBQ - veggie dogs and prizes (adjustment)	(32.20)
					Total (\$):	5,835.43

NHS Fund Allocation - Motioned Summary, 2025/2026

Fund	Subcategory	SUM of Amount (\$)
Community Building/Parent Support	Guest Speakers	400.00
	Public	100.00
	Relations/Hospitality	
	Team/Community Building	1,565.00
Community Building/Parent Support Total		2,065.00
School Council Administration	General Admin Expenses	150.00
School Council Administration Total		150.00
School Enhancement	Major Projects	-
School Enhancement Total		-
School Support	Academic Support	7,000.00
	Clubs	525.00
	Events	1,550.00
	Staff Support	3,000.00
	Wellbeing	500.00
School Support Total		12,575.00
Grand Total		14,790.00

NHS Fund Allocation - Disbursed Summary, 2025/2026

Fund	Subcategory	SUM of Amount (\$)
Community Building/Parent Support	Guest Speakers	2.79
	Public Relations/Hospitality Team/Community Building	-
		98.90
Community Building/Parent Support Total		101.69
School Council Administration	General Admin Expenses	-
School Council Administration Total		-
School Enhancement	Major Projects	-
School Enhancement Total		-
School Support	Academic Support	5,573.27
	Clubs	-
	Events	-
	Staff Support	160.47
	Wellbeing	-
School Support Total		5,733.74
Grand Total		5,835.43

2025/2026	New Horizons School Council Fund Allocation Categories by Month									
Fund:	2025-2026 Allocation of Funds	School Support	School Support	School Support	School Support	School Enhancement	Community Building/Parent Support	Community Building/Parent Support	Community Building/Parent Support	School Council Administration
Subcategory:	Clubs	Wellbeing	Events	Staff Support	Academic Support	Major Projects	Guest Speakers	Team/Community Building	Public Relations/Hospitality	General Admin Expenses
Allocation for year (\$):	725	500	1,550	3,000	11,000	0	900	6,000	100	150
Month (2025-2026)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
September				160.47	5,573.27		2.79	98.90		
October										
November										
December										
January										
February										
March										
April										
May										
June										
Total spent (\$):	0.00	0.00	0.00	160.47	5,573.27	0.00	2.79	98.90	0.00	0.00
Remaining Funds (\$):	725.00	500.00	1,550.00	2,839.53	5,426.73	0.00	897.21	5,901.10	100.00	150.00
Grand Total YTD (\$):	5,835.43									

New Horizons School School Council Meeting Minutes

**October 1, 2025
7:00PM - 8:00PM**

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

Attendees: Beverly Doucette, Anita Sanderson, Raman Brar, Rebecca Koziak, Ellen Hanna, Leah McCoy, Julie Jackson, Stacey Stang-Stass, Lori Vigfusson, Rosalynd Zalewski, Terry Moghrabi

- 1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 PM.**
Beverly Doucette as Chair.
- 2. Statement of Territorial Acknowledgement**
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- 3. Adoption of Agenda**
MOTION: Anita Sanderson moved to adopt the agenda as presented.
Seconded by Leah McCoy, motion carried.
- 4. Approval of Minutes: September 3, 2025**
MOTION: Anita Sanderson moved to adopt the agenda as presented.
Seconded by Stacey Stang-Sass, motion carried.
- 5. Reports**
 - 5.1. Chair/Vice-Chair/Secretary Report/Junior High Liaison/Officer at Large**
Council position to Secretary is still open. Seminar on Executive Function went well, Council should canvas families for feedback. Ms. Vigfusson advised that a recording of the session can be made available to those who RSVP'd for the event.
 - 5.2. Principal's Report**
See attached.
 - 5.3. Staff Report**
Staff report was provided by Ms. Zalewski, who shared that the Art Cards fundraiser will be a winter theme, students will be working on the cards between October 14th - 24th, 2025. Ms. Zalewski shared some of the fine motor bins being utilized in her Grade 2 classroom as a "soft start" to the day. Donations towards these bins are accepted. Ms. Zalewski also shared her process of surveying the parents/caregivers in her classroom via email to provide a variety

of specific volunteer opportunities. Discussion was held around the idea of teachers creating a classroom amazon wishlist.

5.4. Finance Officer's Report

Council is still waiting for all expenses to be submitted for the Back to School BBQ before confirming the final cost

See attached spreadsheets for details on funds motioned and disbursed to date.

5.5. FANHS Report

Little Caesars and Davidson Orchards fundraisers close today (October 2, 2025). Admission Fee to the Halloween Dance can be waived by request, details will be kept anonymous. The expected cost of the DJ is \$920.00.

5.6. Communication Officer's Report

Feedback from the Back to School BBQ is that it would be beneficial to have more volunteers so that Council Execs can be free to have meaningful engagement with attendees.

5.7. Committee Reports

5.7.1. Back to School BBQ / Meet the Teacher

Attendees have been invited to provide feedback to Council via email.

5.7.2. Grant

The school has received the Carton Council grant of \$5,000 to help enhance our recycling programs.

5.7.3. Holiday

Holiday Concert to be held on December 5, 2025. Purdy's orders may be made available for pickup at the concert.

5.7.4. Spring Carnival / Sunshine Social

No Report.

5.8 Message from Superintendent Moghrabi

Mr. Moghrabi shared with Council his appreciation for the involvement from FANHS, Council, Volunteers, and parents. He noted that the pending teacher strike is an opportunity to educate friends and family on the role of Charter Schools in Alberta. He advised that new board members are up for election at the upcoming Board SGM. Mr. Moghrabi also expressed his congratulations to the school as the expansion of the school to include Grades 10-12 is official, with planning funding being approved by the Government of Alberta. The existing school building will be renovated to accommodate up to 700 students. Discussion was held around communication with parents and students in advance of any construction to minimize disruption to students. Discussion was also held around avenues for parent feedback.

6. Motion to Accept Reports

MOTION: Stacey Stang-Sass moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Seconded by Leah McCoy, motion carried.

7. New Business

7.1. Future School Event Planning and SC Outreach

7.1.1. JH overnight ski-trip

Survey has gone out to parents, with lots of positive responses. Dates are TBD. The annual Sunridge Ski trip is still being held for Grades 4-9.

7.1.2. Early dismissal skating

Council expressed support of the idea of hosting after-school skating at the Westboro/Kinsman Rink on Wednesdays after early dismissal. This would be a free activity sponsored by Council. Stacey Stang-Sass will reach out to the County and the football club regarding access to the skate shack.

7.1.3. Strathcona County active student prize pack

Ms. Vigfusson advised that the school already receives this.

7.2. Google Classroom

Ms. Vigfusson explained the parent's role in utilizing Google Classroom. Council proposed the idea of gauging parent interest in the idea of a blog post or information session to teach parents how to use Google Classroom effectively. Teachers will be requested to send home passwords to parents.

7.3. Motions required: None.

8. Future Business: None

9. Future Meeting Dates

November 5, 2025

(No meeting for December, 2025)

January 7, 2025

10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:20 PM.