

New Horizons School School Council Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2025

7:00PM - 8:00PM

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

Attendees: Beverly Doucette, Anita Sanderson, Rebecca Koziak, Ellen Hanna, Leah McCoy, Stacey Stang-Stass, Elizabeth Macve, Lori Vigfusson

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:03 PM.

Beverly Doucette 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: Ellen Hanna moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Seconded by Leah McCoy, motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes: October 1, 2025

MOTION: Anita Sanderson moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Seconded by Elizabeth Macve, motion carried.

5. Reports

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

Council position of Secretary is still open. Chair encourages anyone with items for future discussion to reach out to her via email.

Marmot Basin ski trip is confirmed for March 5-6, 2026. Details and an invitation to register will go out to Jr. High parents after Fall Break.

5.2. Principal's Report

See attached.

5.3. Staff Report

No report.

5.4. Finance Officer's Report

\$5,835 has been disbursed to date. Anyone with outstanding receipts for teacher meals are asked to submit them.

5.5. FANHS Report

FANHS President shared her thanks to all volunteers and participants who were part of the Halloween Dance. A formal report on the dance including proceeds from the silent auction and online auction will be given in January.

Ideas for getting more interest from the Jr. High kids are welcome.

5.6. Communication Officer's Report

Teachers are working on wishlists, which will include both classroom items and personal items. SC members are encouraged to bring this to the attention of other parents and gauge feedback - it is important to stress that this is a parent-led initiative. The wishlists will be made available to parents before the holidays via buttons within teacher email signatures.

5.7. Committee Reports

No reports.

6. Motion to Accept Reports

MOTION: Ellen Hanna moved to adopt the reports as presented.

Seconded by Elizabeth Macve, motion carried.

7. New Business

7.1. Future School Event Planning and SC Outreach

7.1.1. Movie Night

Potential dates in February were discussed. Date and potential budget to be motioned at January meeting pending parent feedback.

7.1.2. Spring Carnival

Discussion tabled until next meeting.

8. Future Business

8.1. Week of Giving

Discussion was held around the idea of including an extra week in the "week of giving" to allow for donations that can be directed to specific families within the NHS community. Families could reach out to the school to express interest, and would be kept completely anonymous. Ms. Asquini will be consulted and specific details are TBD.

8.2. Holiday Concert

The Holiday concert is scheduled for December 5, 2025. Ms. Vigfusson presented council executives with the opportunity to be involved as ushers / greeters for the concert as an opportunity for outreach to the greater school community.

8.3. Saffron Centre Presentation

The Saffron Centre will be bringing an online safety presentation to K-9 students, prior to the winter break. If there is enough interest to warrant a parent session, one can be scheduled in the new year.

8.4. Student Funding Request

A group of Jr. High students have submitted a request for funding to cover decorations and supplies for "Invenstapalooze". Items covered would include balloons, balloon arch, table cloths, and banner paper. After discussion, it was agreed that the students would be required to submit an itemized list of items and anticipated cost.

8.4 Motions required:

8.4.1. MOTION: Elizabeth Macve moved that School Council approve up to \$750 from Academic Support to cover or supplement the cost of presentations from the Saffron Centre for K-9 students.

Seconded by Leah McCoy, motion carried.

8.4.2. MOTION: Elizabeth Macve moved that School Council approve \$100 to support Jr. High Investapalooza, contingent upon school administration being provided with an itemized budget.

9. Future Meeting Dates

January 7, 2026

February 4, 2026

10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 PM.