

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-Sass, Lori Vigfusson, Rosalynd Zalewski, Terry Moghrabi

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 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: 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 of 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 reports 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.