

# **New Horizons School**

## **School Council Meeting Minutes**

**September 3, 2025**

**7:00PM - 8:00PM**

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

**Attendees:** Sarah Fairfull, Amina Malik, Amanda Bullion, Beverly Doucette, Anita Dierkhising, Raman Brar, Rebecca Kozlak, Andrea Watson, Eeksha Kakkan, Ellen Hanna, Brianne Davio, Leah McCoy, Julie Jackson, Elizabeth Macve, Jenel Hrenyk, Stacey Stang-Stass

**1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:02pm**

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: Leah McCoy moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Seconded by Beverly Doucette, motion carried.

**4. Approval of Minutes: June 2, 2025**

MOTION: Ellen Hanna 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**

**5.2. Principal's Report**

See attached.

**5.3. Staff Report**

**5.4. Finance Officer's Report**

**5.5. FANHS Report**

**5.6. Communication Officer's Report**

**5.7. Committee Reports**

5.7.1. Canvas for committee membership

5.7.2. Meet the Teacher BBQ September 10, 2025

5.7.3. Grant

5.7.4. Spring Carnival

## **6. Motion to Accept Reports**

MOTION: Anita Dierkhising moved to adopt the agenda as presented.  
Seconded by Elizabeth Macve, motion carried.

## **7. New Business**

7.1. Secretary position remains vacant; canvas for interest.

7.2. General call for parent volunteers: coaches, lunch supervision, bottle collection.

7.3. Future School Event Planning and SC Outreach

7.3.1. Supporting your Child's Executive Functioning Workshop confirmation

Erin and Miranda happy to re-engage

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

7.3.2. Canvas for other parent workshop requests/options

Future workshop request for Google Classroom support for caretakers

Future workshop request for supporting twice exceptionality

7.3.3. JH overnight ski trip suggestion: discussion

MOTION: Ellen Hanna motioned for School Council to support the development of a Junior High Ski Trip with the formation of a committee to facilitate the organization.

Seconded by Elizabeth Macve, motion carried.

7.4. Motions required:

7.4.1. Annual recurring expenditure approvals

- Clubs: AMA, GSA, and general.  
\$225 for GSA and \$300 for AMA Patrol
- Wellbeing  
5K Flight to the Finish \$500
- Kinder, grade 6, grade 9 grad  
\$250 Kinder, \$500 Gr. 6, \$800 JH dance
- Staff Support  
\$2,000 for Staff Support Teacher Meals, \$1,000 Staff Support other
- Academic Support  
\$7,000 Artist In Residence
- Guest Speakers  
\$200 Babysitting, \$200 to supplement the Executive Functioning workshop
- Team/Community Building  
\$1,500 Free events, \$65 Holiday Sing-Along
- Public Relations/Hospitality  
\$100 gift cards
- General Admin Expenses  
\$150 Office supplies

MOTION: Elizabeth Macve moved that School Council approve the annual recurring expenditures at the following amounts: \$225 for GSA, \$300 for AMA, \$5000 for 5K Fight to the Finish, \$250 for

kinder grad, \$500 for grade 6 grad, \$800 for grade 9 grad, \$2000 for staff appreciation (meals), \$1000 other staff support, \$7000 artist in residence, \$200 babysitting, \$200 executive functioning speaker with refreshments, \$1500 free events, \$64 holiday sing along, \$100 gift cards, \$150 office supplies.

Seconded by Stacey Stang-Sass, motion carried.

**7.4.2. New funding requests (staff vetted through Ms. V)**

Will wait to hear back from administration regarding interest in funding possibility for staff massage.

**8. Future Business**

**9. Future Meeting Dates**

MOTION: Elizabeth Macve moved to schedule all School Council meetings to 7:00pm on the first Wednesday of the month with the exception of December (no meeting) and June (TBD).

Seconded by Leah McCoy, motion carried.

Meeting Dates as Proposed:

October 1, 2025

November 5, 2025

(December - no meeting)

January 7, 2025

February 4, 2025

March 4, 2025

April 1, 2025

May 6, 2025

June TBD

**10. Meeting Adjourned 8:19pm**