

New Horizons School School Council Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2026

7:00PM - 8:00PM

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

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

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 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: Stacey Stang-Stass moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Seconded by Leah McCoy, motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes: November 5, 2025

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

Seconded by Beverly Doucette, motion carried.

5. Reports

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

The JH Jasper ski trip is shaping up well with lots of participants, hitting the minimum requirement quickly.

5.2. Principal's Report

See attached.

5.3. Staff Report

Oddbunch reached out to a staff member to partner with NHS to create snack carts for grab and go snack opportunities for students. Discussion followed about a test run of a general snack cart organized and administered by School Council. School Council will prepare a proposal with a breakdown of anticipated costs to FANHS to create a Grab n Go Nutrition cart for students.

5.4. Finance Officer's Report

Updated Fund Allocation attached.

5.5. FANHS Report

No FANHS representation. A written report was shared by Rebecca Koziak and read aloud by Ellen Hanna:

FANHS will provide appropriate notice later this month of our upcoming regular meeting and SGM to present the 2024/2025 financial statement.

In the meantime, we're excited to share a limited-time opportunity for our school community to attend 2 Edmonton Oil Kings games – Saturday, January 17 & Saturday, February 14. These events are organized by the Edmonton Oil Kings as community building opportunities while also giving back to our school. NHS families, staff, and their families and friends can purchase \$25 tickets through the link that was emailed by Principal Vigfusson with \$4 from every ticket donated to our school. Even more exciting, the first 40 ticket purchasers will earn their child(ren) the chance to High Five the Oil Kings Players! This unforgettable experience is available on a first-come, first-served basis, and we imagine spots will fill quickly.

Communication has been shared via direct email and any socials communication must be limited to our private SC/FANHS Facebook page. The organization has advised that the purchase link and poster can not be shared on any public platforms.

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 Beverly Doucette, motion carried.

7. New Business

7.1. Future School Event Planning and SC Outreach

7.1.1. Movie Night: Pending available volunteers: Saturday, February 21, 2026, 5:30 pm doors open, movie starts at 6:00 pm. Free pizza provided on FCFS basis. Outside food is welcome for picnic style dinner. Movie options TBD. No concessions.

7.1.2. Spring Carnival
Date set of May 23, 2026.
Discussion tabled until next meeting.

8. Future Business

8.1. Artist in Residence

Proposals for AIR opportunities for 2026/27 to be discussed at the next meeting. Communications to reach out to parents to invite suggestions.

8.2 Week of Giving

Tabled.

8.4 Motions required:

8.4.1. MOTION: Ellen Hanna moved to have School Council prepare a proposal with a breakdown of anticipated costs to FANHS to create a Grab n Go Nutrition cart for students.

Seconded by Stacey Stang-Stass, motion carried.

8.4.2. MOTION: Ellen Hanna to set a date of May 23, 2026 for the Spring Carnival.

Seconded by Leah McCoy, motioned carried.

9. Future Meeting Dates

Meeting scheduling was discussed. Meeting dates were set for the remainder of the year, trending towards later in the month. The AGM was scheduled for May 13, 2026 with the aim to provide ample time for FANHS to respond to the Fund Allocation request. No June meeting will be scheduled unless an SGM is required following FANHS response to the fund request.

Feb 11, 2026

Mar 11, 2026

Apr 15, 2026

May 13, 2026 AGM and Regular meeting

10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:28 PM.