

New Horizons School School Council Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2026

7:00PM - 8:00PM

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

Attendees: Beverly Doucette, Anita Sanderson, Ellen Hanna, Eeksha Kohli-Kakkan, Elizabeth Macve, Amanda Bullion, Rebecca Koziak, Lori Vigfusson

1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:05 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: Elizabeth Macve moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Seconded by Anita Sanderson, motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes: January 7 2026

MOTION: Beverly Doucette moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Seconded by Anita Sanderson, motion carried.

5. Reports

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

The report to the Board, presented by Chair Beverly Doucette, went well and was appreciated by the Board members. Secretary position remains vacant. Officers will be appointed for this role as needed.

5.2. Principal's Report

See attached.

5.3. Staff Report

Grade 4 recently had their magnet fair. Investapalooza for the Junior Highs will be Friday, February 13. Parents are encouraged to attend, even if they don't have kids in Junior High.

5.4. Finance Officer's Report

Updated Fund Allocation attached. Finance officer shared that the cost of DJ Kwake has increased by about \$200. Additional funds may be required to cover the cost of Grade 9 graduation/JH year end dance. However, with Artist in Residence costing less than anticipated, approval may be requested for funds to be moved between categories instead. Decision can be deferred for now.

5.5. FANHS Report

A new treasurer has been appointed for the remainder of the year: Jennifer Michaud.

FANHS suggested a joint workshop with School Council through the ASCA. Date to be determined.

5.6. Communication Officer's Report

No report

5.7. Committee Reports

No reports.

6. Motion to Accept Reports

MOTION: Eeksha Kohli-Kakkan moved to adopt the reports as presented.

Seconded by Anita Sanderson, motion carried.

7. Unfinished Business

7.1. Week of Giving

Postpone to a future meeting

7.2. School Council Committees

Potential Committees:

- Special Events
- Artist in Residence
- Spirt/House
- Decorating
- Staff Support / Learning
- Advocacy

Discussion included:

- What would be helpful for the school?
- Committees can be a good way for parents to be involved outside of School Council meetings.
- A spreadsheet with a list of potential committees was shared by Ellen, with strong encouragement for everyone to read, edit as needed, and choose one to join.
- It is not anticipated that committees will be populated by a great many parents, especially this year. It may be a long-term recruitment project going into the next school year.
- Suggestion: committee volunteering form, similar to what is in place for non-committee volunteering.
- Suggestion: email addresses be created for each of the committees for effective communication.

7.3. Movie Night

Date and time as follows: April 11, Doors: 5:30, Movie start: 6:30.

RSVP may need to be implemented so an appropriate amount of pizza can be ordered. Movie choice to be decided closer to the date. There is an option for a separate JR movie but will depend on how many volunteers are available.

7.4. Artist in Residence

Feedback on Groovebox has been very positive. Cost was less than anticipated so excess can be reverse motioned back to Academic Support.

MOTION: Anita Sanderson moved to return \$1,427.73 in unused Artist in

Residence back to Academic Support. Seconded by Ellen Hanna, motion carried.

Principal Vigfusson to collaborate with staff in the near future to choose next year's Artist in Residence (a short list of candidates was provided).

Physical Enrichment Residence: The school is working with LaCrosse Alberta for a possible March residency teaching Lacrosse skills to all students. There is no cost anticipated for this, and they will be providing all equipment.

8. Future Business

8.1. Future School Event Planning and SC Outreach

- 8.1.1. \$1,700 approved by FANHS following request for Grab n' Go nutrition
 - 8.1.2. Guest Speaker/Presentation for parents (Saffron Centre or other): tabled for now.
 - 8.1.3. Spring Carnival: date set for May 23.
 - 8.1.4. Improv show by Sorry, Not Sorry Productions - interest in this was less than anticipated and will not be repeated.
 - 8.1.5. March Kindness Month: suggestion to create a committee to enable initiatives such as Kindness messages, Pi Day Community Builder & Staff appreciation (Saturday, March 14), or other.
- 8.2. ASCA 2026 Spring Symposium: table for now.
- 8.3. Strategic/Future Planning
- 8.3.1. Idea: schedule an informal brainstorming session in late spring. Purpose: what direction does School Council want to take (to support our school)?

9. Future Meeting Dates

Mar 11, 2026

Apr 15, 2026

May 13, 2026 AGM and Regular meeting

June - none

10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 PM.