

New Horizons School School Council Meeting Minutes

**March 11, 2026
7:00PM - 8:00PM
Virtual Only Meeting**

Attendees: Beverly Doucette, Ellen Hana, Anita Sanderson, Leah McCoy, Michelle Stephens,
Andrea Watson

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: Anita Sanderson moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Seconded by Beverly Doucette, motion carried.

4. Approval of Minutes: February 11 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

Leah McCoy (Junior High Liaison) reported that 41 students attended the ski trip that was organized for Junior High. This was the first year the event has been run and it was well enjoyed and a great success.

5.2. Principal's Report

See attached (Ms. Watson presented the report on behalf of Ms. Vigfusson)

5.3. Staff Report

See attached report from Ms. Stephens.

School Council discussed the proposal for the creation of the A-OK (Act of Kindness) Club brought forward by Ms. Stephens. The club would be a Grade 4–6 leadership group focused on building a positive, welcoming, and inclusive school community.

A-OK members will serve as Kindness Ambassadors who actively promote respect, inclusion, and school spirit through meaningful leadership opportunities. A-OK Club is requesting \$200 from School Council to fund t-shirts (\$180) and basic start-up costs (\$20 for paper, gloves, etc.) for the club.

**MOTION: Ellen Hana moved that School Council approve the A-OK proposal for \$200 from the clubs category in the budget.
Seconded by Leah McCoy, motion carried.**

5.4. Finance Officer's Report

No report.

5.5. FANHS Report

FANHS has been working alongside SC Communications and Administration to adopt a cohesive weekly School, SC, FANHS ENEWS. They will be working collaboratively to develop refined weekly content. All fundraiser links, including current and ongoing fundraiser information, can also be found directly on the fundraising page on the website.

The Oil Kings' fundraising partnership was successful with 74 seats sold (combined January and February games).

Active fundraisers:

- The Colombian Coffee closes March 13
- Hot Lunch Session 4 closes March 17
- Purdys closes March 18

FANHS' next meeting will take place on April 15, 2026 at 6:00PM.

5.6. Communication Officer's Report

No report.

5.7. Committee Reports

No reports.

6. Motion to Accept Reports

**MOTION: Anita Sanderson moved to adopt the reports as presented.
Seconded by Leah McCoy, motion carried.**

7. Unfinished Business

7.1. School Council Committees

Ellen has created documents for the committees/working groups in the shared drive. Recruitment and finding parents who want to be involved in these specific interest areas will be a focus in September.

7.2. Movie Night (April 11)

Plans for the family movie night were discussed. Event to take place on April 11, doors at 5, movie at 5:30. Grade 9s will run a concession and a movie for Junior High students will be offered provided a laptop can be found to use in Ms. LB's room.

7.3. Artist in Residence

Ellen and Rebecca have been working with Administration. Candace Makowichuk has been selected as the artist for next year and will be doing UV photography (cyanotypes) with the students. Ellen and Rebecca are also working on establishing workflows and best practices for the Artist in Residence process.

7.4. Grab n' Go Nutrition Cart

Allie (last name?) has been doing an amazing job of running the Grab 'n Go Nutrition Cart. She has completed the food safety handling certificate which was required to run the cart.

7.5. ASCA 2026 Spring Symposium

Last call for attendees Saturday, April 25/26, 2026
Deadline: Monday, April 13, 2026 1:00 p.m.

8. New Business

8.1. Future School Event Planning and SC Outreach

8.1.1. Spring Carnival

The RCMP would like to attend as part of their work in establishing positive relationships in the community. Date/time of May 23 1:00-4:00pm has been selected, though unless four people are willing to fully commit to planning and organizing the event, there is a possibility it won't come to fruition this year.

8.1.2. Kindness Wall initiative update

Very few kindness messages have been received this year, so the kindness wall will run throughout April as well. Ellen has created little cards with a QR code link that will be handed out to parents inviting them to leave a message to staff.

8.3 AGM Planning

The upcoming AGM was discussed.

8.2 2026/27 Fund Allocation Considerations

The upcoming process for the Fund Allocation was discussed.

9. Future Meeting Dates

Apr 15, 2026

May 13, 2026 AGM and Regular meeting

NB: No June meeting

Unless otherwise indicated, all meetings are scheduled from 7:00PM - 8:00PM and will be held as Hybrid In-Person (New Horizons School) / Virtual Meetings.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 PM.