

# **New Horizons School School Council Meeting Agenda**

**May 13, 2026  
6:30PM - 7:30PM**

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

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

**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**

**4. Approval of Minutes**

March 11, 2026

April 16, 2026

**5. Reports**

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

**5.2. Principal's Report**

**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. Artist In Residence (AIR)**

**5.7.2. Spring Carnival**

**5.7.3. Back to School BBQ**

**6. Motion to accept reports**

**7. Funding Requests**

**7.1. Motions Required**

**7.1.1. Spring Carnival \$3,500**

**7.1.2. Back to School BBQ**

**8. Unfinished Business**

8.1. Future School Event Planning and SC Outreach

**9. New Business**

9.1. 2026/27 Fund Allocation Presentation and Discussion

**10. Future Meeting Dates**

September (TBD at meeting)

**11. Meeting Adjourned**

# **New Horizons School School Council Meeting Minutes**

**April 15, 2026**

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

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

**Attendees:** Beverly Doucette, Ellen Hanna, Elizabeth Macve, Anita Sanderson, Stacey Stang-Stass, Lori Vigfusson, Rebecca Koziak, Amanda Bullion, Jessie Olfert

- 1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:16 pm**  
Beverly Doucette as Chair.
- 2. Statement of Territorial Acknowledgement**  
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- 3. Adoption of Agenda**  
Amend agenda to include Funding Requests as point 7 and to add Craft Club request.  
**MOTION: Beverly Doucette moved to adopt the agenda as amended.**  
**Seconded by Ellen Hanna, motion carried.**
- 4. Approval of Minutes: March 11, 2026**  
**MOTION: Beverly Doucette moved to table the May 11, 2026 minutes to the May 13, 2026 meeting.**  
**Seconded by Stacey Stang-Sass, motion carried.**
- 5. Reports**
  - 5.1. Chair/Vice-Chair/Secretary Report/Junior High Liaison/Officer at Large**  
Movie Night update was shared.
  - 5.2. Principal's Report**  
Principal's report attached.
  - 5.3. Staff Report**  
Ms. Olfert shared a report: current school clubs: intramurals, Reach, Ukulele, Drama, Chicks and Quackers club (application-based), Garden Club, and Craft Club. JH: multi-sport student-led initiatives happening. Grade 6s are presenting their mini-golf courses. JH field trips: Meti Crossing, Riverwalk, Citadel. JH badminton and track and field events in May (parent volunteers will be requested). Elementary will have outdoor field days that also require volunteers.
  - 5.4. Finance Officer's Report**  
Finance report attached.

**5.5. FANHS Report**

JH Dance had an impending fund change request to reallocate funds from the School Support/Academic support \$200 going to Events, JH Dance. Motioned to approve potential targeted fundraising efforts at the Spring Carnival that would support the Wellness Cart. Next FANHS meeting will take place after the SC AGM and the Board's meeting wherein the school budget is finalized.

**5.6. Communication Officer's Report**

ENEWS being sent weekly.

**5.7. Committee Reports**

Kindness Wall is still open for submissions. The AIR committee has been meeting to discuss both the next AIR as well as best practices. Anyone interested in joining is encouraged to attend. School Council will also be working to actively solicit parents for the Team Spirit Committee for next year.

**6. Motion to accept reports**

**MOTION: Beverly Doucette moved to accept reports as presented.  
Seconded by Stacey Stang-Sass, motion carried.**

**7. Funding Requests**

**7.1. Wheelchair Basketball**

Lori requested \$1,500 from Academic Support for the Wheelchair Basketball.

**MOTION: Ellen Hanna moved to use \$1,500 from Academic Support for Wheelchair Basketball  
Seconded by Beverly Doucette, motion carried.**

**7.2. Junior High Dance**

Lori requested reallocation of funds from the School Support/Academic Support \$200 going to Events, Junior High Dance to cover the increased cost of the DJ.

**MOTION: Amanda Bullion moved to reallocate \$200 from School Support/Academic Support to Events, JH Dance, pending FANHS' approval of fund reallocation.  
Seconded by Rebecca Koziak, motion carried.**

**7.3. Craft Club**

A request to reallocate funds from Academic Support of \$100 to Clubs to support the Craft Club was discussed.

**MOTION: Beverly Doucette moved to reallocate \$100 from Academic Support to Clubs to support the Craft Club, pending FANHS' approval of fund reallocation.  
Seconded by Stacey Stang-Sass, motion carried.  
Rebecca Koziak and Amanda Bullion abstained from voting.**

**8. Unfinished Business**

**8.1. Spring Carnival**

Spring Carnival planning committee welcomes any volunteers who would like to participate. The Spring Carnival will take place on May 23, 2026.

**8.2. 2026/27 Fund Allocation Considerations**

School Council members will meet with Lori next week to discuss the upcoming

Fund Allocation.

**8.3. Artist in Residence**

Update provided during reports.

**8.4. Grab n' Go Nutrition Cart**

An update was provided on the Grab n' Go Nutrition Cart. The trial run of this initiative has been going smoothly and has been well received by both students and teachers. Teachers have commented on how they often purchase snacks for a snack drawer available to students in the classroom, and that the Nutrition Cart helps to fill this need. H&W Produce is being used, rather than Odd Box. The focus has been on finding high protein grab-and-go items. The toaster idea was scrapped as it takes too long.

Going forward, there is a need to consider how the cart will be funded.

Discussion included the possibility of grants or in-school fundraising possibilities.

**8.5. May AGM**

Discussion was held about how to communicate the busy times of each position to parents who might be interested in joining the executive. Ellen will work on communications material for inviting all parents to join the meeting.

**9. New Business**

**9.1. Future School Event Planning and SC Outreach**

No further school events are likely at this time, given that it is close to the end of the year, Spring Carnival will be towards the end of May, and June is a very busy month for teachers and families.

**9. Future Meeting Dates**

May 13, 2026 AGM and Regular meeting

NB: No June meeting

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**10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:43 PM.**

# **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**

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**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

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**10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:11 PM.**

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