

New Horizons School School Council Meeting Minutes

**Sept 16, 2026
7:00PM - 8:00PM**

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

Attendees: Leah McCoy, Stacey Stang-Sass, Brianne Davio, Anita Sanderson, Lori Vigfusson, Rebecca Koziak, Beverly Doucette, Dana Murenbeeld, Tannis Brownrigg, Janelle Hrenick, Shane, Ellen Hanna

- 1. Meeting Called to Order at 7:05pm**
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-Sang moved to adopt the agenda as presented.
Seconded by Leah McCoy, motion carried.

- 4. Approval of Minutes: May 13, 2026**

MOTION: Dana Murenbeeld moved to postpone approval of the May 13, 2026 minutes to the next meeting.
Seconded by Leah McCoy, motion carried.

- 5. Reports**

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

Beverly Doucette (Chair) expressed praise and thanks to all who participated in the Meet the teacher BBQ. It was a great success with strong attendance. Positive feedback received from other parents. All agreed that the hot dogs were superior to the previous year.

Leah McCoy (Junior High Liaison) reports work has begun on the ski trip for this year.

- 5.2. Principal's Report**

See attached.

- 5.3. Staff Report**

Given by Ms Allison Joly. Clubs starting up. Jr High volleyball ongoing. Fire drill done, bus evacuation drill and lockdown drill coming up.

5.4. Finance Officer's Report

Anita Sanderson (Finance Officer) reported approval of fund allocation 2026/2027 by FAHNS. Reports \$15,975 dispersed by FANHS and \$7950.38 returned for 2025/2026.

5.5. FANHS Report

FANHS advised that several back to school campaigns are open. Meeting dates are TBD, and will no longer be monthly. FANHS continues to work on updating their Bylaws and Policies & Procedures. Artist in residence this year will be Candace Makowichuk.

5.6. Communication Officer's Report

Position currently vacant

5.7. Committee Reports

5.7.1. Canvas for committee membership

5.7.2. Back to School BBQ September 9, 2026

Reminder to those with outstanding receipts to submit them for reimbursement.

6. Motion to Accept Reports

MOTION: Leah McCoy moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

Seconded by Tannis Brownrigg, motion carried.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

8.1. Communications Officer Position

Communications officer position currently vacant. For now we will hope that someone will show willingness to fill this position. If not, oversight of this role will be assigned to a council member to make sure that as a group the role of the communications officer is done.

8.2 Parent Volunteers

Speaking one-on-one with people about volunteering and handing out volunteer forms at the Meet the teacher BBQ went well. Ellen reports receiving many volunteer forms into the office this year already. While people seem reluctant to volunteer for large positions, easy to fill short jobs when requests sent out. Barriers to volunteering discussed and need for lunch supervisors in particular identified. Criminal record checks now good for 5 years which will hopefully help. Child Intervention Record Check not necessarily needed in order to volunteer for lunch supervision as long as teacher available nearby. Ms. V also verified that

younger siblings could accompany volunteers as long as they don't interfere with the parents ability to provide supervision. Ellen will continue to include and highlight the volunteer email on the newsletter.

Food safe certification needed for Grab 'n Go cart volunteer so will need a more consistent person.

8.3 New Bell Timing + Shortened Lunch

Going through adjustment period on new schedule; unavoidable due to student transportation requirements. Staff are aware that the shortened time can be difficult for some students. Staff are flexible on letting kids take longer eating before going outside if needed or snacking if needed.

8.4 Future School Event Planning and SC Outreach

FAHNS in the process of planning the Halloween dance. No other event planning currently.

8.5 School Council Annual Funding Allocation

MOTION: Beverly Doucette moved to approve the 2026/2027 fund allocation received and approved by FANHS and Administration as the working school council budget for the 2026/2027 year.

Seconded by Tannis Brownrigg, motion carried.

9. **Future Meeting Dates**

October 7, 2026

November 4, 2026

January 6, 2027

February 3, 2027

March 10, 2027

(May and June dates TBD)

10. **Meeting Adjourned at 8:47pm.**