New Horizons School
School Council Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2026
7:00PM - 8:00PM
Virtual Only Meeting

Attendees: Leah McCoy, Stacey Stang-Sass, Anita Sanderson, Lori Vigfusson, Beverly Doucette, Dana Murenbeeld, Kristan Myers, Dianne Villacura

1. **Meeting Called to Order at 7:07pm**
   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: Leah McCoy moved to adopt the agenda as presented.
   Seconded by Anita Sanderson, motion carried.

4. **Approval of Minutes:** May 13, 2026
   September 16, 2026
   MOTION: Leah McCoy moved to adopt the minutes for the May 13, 2026 and September 16, 2026 meetings as presented.
   Seconded by Anita Sanderson, motion carried.

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

   Junior High Liaison Report - Leah McCoy
   Ski trip has been organized for March 4-5, 2027. Information will be sent out to Junior high parents shortly.

   5.2. Principal's Report
   See attached report

   5.3. Staff Report
   No staff report this month

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5.4. Finance Officer's Report

5.5. FANHS Report

Read by council chair Beverly Doucette, see attached.

Back to school campaign is going well, including this year's giving back initiative to the Strathcona Food bank. Remaining items from this campaign will be delivered Wednesday.

Halloween Dance (Oct 30): Features a DJ, photo booth, concession, 50/50, raffle, and auction. Steamoji Sherwood Park will host an activity in our sensory friendly space. Volunteers needed.

Branded Merchandise: Launching affordable iron-on patches and vinyl stickers. An interest survey goes out in this weekend's ENEWS.

Academic Support Proposal: Fitset ninja as this year's physical enrichment.

5.6. Communication Officer's Report

5.7. Committee Reports

6. Motion to accept reports

MOTION: Leah McCoy moved to accept reports.

Seconded by Anita Sanderson, motion carried.

7. Old Business

8. New Business

8.1. Annual Cycle/Year Planning

School Support: Augmented Interdisciplinary Residencies (AiR, Physical Enrichment, Indigenous Cultural Education), Clubs

Community: Spring Carnival, Guest Speakers (student focus, parent focus), Movie/Sports Watching Night, Babysitting

Staff Appreciation: Wellness Cart, Teacher Meals

FAHNS/Admin Support: Halloween Dance, Holiday Concert, Back to School BBQ, Grab 'n Go Cart

Parent Volunteers: Lunch Supervisors, Classroom Support

Interest in providing Babysitting Course, Home alone course, and/or first aid training at the school discussed. Kristan Myers contributed that she offers first aid instruction - will connect with Principal Vigfusson over email about further arrangements around this.

Movie Night - planning for night of Febuary 19th (based on gym availability). Doors open at 5:30pm, movie 6-8pm. Will pick movie closer to this date.

Volunteers - discussed clarifying need for volunteers for both Halloween dance and Holiday concert so that volunteer coordinator can send out requests. Ms V. reports that we do have more lunch monitors then last year, but continue to need

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more. Grab ‘n Go Cart up and going - need more volunteers - volunteers do not all need foodsafe training.

8.2. Fitset Ninja

This activity has been well received by staff and students previously. School Council discussed requesting specific obstacles this time. Would take place in January or February at the discretion of the administration.

MOTION: School council moves that the Academic Support - Physical Enrichment budget for 2026/2027 be used for Fitset Ninja.
Leah McCoy moved to adopt motion.
Seconded by Stacey Stang, motion carried.

9. Future Meeting Dates

November 4, 2026
(No December Meeting)
January 6, 2027
February 3, 2027
March 10, 2027
(May and June dates TBD)

10. Meeting Adjourned at 8:07pm

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