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# New Horizons School Council Meeting Minutes

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January 19, 2017  
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Learning Common, New Horizons School

**Bring/ Read:** Please be aware that a limited number of paper copies of meeting minutes and agenda will be available. If you are able, please bring a device to view agenda online.

Attendees: Kim Johnson, Brandy Cox, Manda Wilde, Dena Freed, Sandra Dargis, Ted Zarowny, Shayel Mackinnon

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1. Call to order 7:04 PM
2. Welcome and introductions
3. Review agenda
4. Reviewed minutes from December 8, 2016 (we did not have quorum to vote at the last meeting)

## 5. Reports

- Principal's report 20 minutes Mr. Zarowny  
- See attached.
- Financial Officer's report 5 minutes Manda Wilde  
No new invoices came in during the period
- FANHS' report 5 minutes Heather Beztilyn

Kim Johnson read the report from the FANHS representative:

### FANHS UPDATE:

Doing well with planning of the Casino (our largest fundraiser this year). We still need volunteers for this event. It is a 2day event February 20-21. We need 15 volunteers to do various jobs. People interested are asked to contact Kristi Gignac at the volunteer coordinator link under the FANHS tab on the website.

Hot lunch is in need of volunteers, we need 4-6 people each Tuesday and Wednesday. Right now we have 1 person on Tuesday and one for Wednesday....Volunteers can sign up through the sign up on the website (parent news, FANHS, volunteer sign up).

There is a book fair coming up! Feb 14-16th (tentatively waiting on confirmation from scholastic for the dates). volunteer sign up will soon be open.

- Communications Officer 5 minutes Dena Freed

Poster has been completed and School Council Facebook page is up and running. Will consider changing settings so that Admins no longer have to approve all posts before they appear on the page.

- Chair's report 5 minutes Kim Johnson

Council enjoyed the opportunity to volunteer at the NHS information night and thanks to the members of the executive that volunteered.

The school will also need volunteers for the intake day on March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Discussion ensued on some of the concerns that parents of applicants have on intake day and ways we could make the experience less stressful for them.

## 6. Previously Tabled Business

Approval of gym mats carried over from 2015/2016 school year

**MOTION:** Manda Wilde moved to reimburse \$494.21 out of the School Enhancement fund for the purchase of gym mats. Dena Freed seconded. Motion carried

## 7. Items for Discussion/Input 15 minutes

- Discussion of approving amounts for yearly recurring expenditure to ease repayment (forgotten lunches, teacher incentives):

**MOTION:** Brandy Cox moves to approve up to \$500 (\$50 per class) for the purchase of recess equipment. These amounts will come from the Classroom Support fund. Seconded by Manda Wilde. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Manda Wilde moves to approve up to \$5 per student for each class (with an additional \$125 in total to the French Teacher for the French classes) for student incentives. These amounts will come from the Classroom Support fund. Seconded by Dena Freed. Motion carried.

**MOTION:** Manda Wilde moves to approve up to \$250 to be paid from the School Support fund to supply back-up lunches. Seconded by Brandy Cox. Motion carried.

- Discussion for approval of cost to support parent lecture by Dianne Gossen \$500:

**MOTION:** Brandy Cox moves to reimburse the school \$500 from the Community Building/Parent Support fund for the Dianne Gossen lecture. Seconded by Dena Freed. Motion carried.

- Request from the administration for Sphere-o Robots. \$150 each, requesting \$300 to cover the cost of 2.

**MOTION:** Dena Freed moved to approve up to \$300 to acquire two sphere-o robots at a cost of \$150 each. This amount will come from the school support fund. Seconded by Manda Wilde. Motion carried.

- Request from the administration for Circuit Scribe conductive ink kits. Requesting a classroom set for \$1200

**MOTION:** Manda Wilde moved approve up to \$1200 to acquire a classroom set of Circuit Scribe Conductive Ink Kits. This amount will come from the school support fund. Seconded by Brandy Cox. Motion carried.

- Request from the administration that council fund the cost of having the nighthawks logo be printed on the new crashmats for the wall underneath the basketball hoop.

**MOTION:** Brandy Cox moved that subject to the administration investigating the durability of logo, that we approve up to \$1000 for the addition of the Nighthawks logo to the basketball end-zone crash mats. This amount will come from the School Enhancement fund. Seconded by Dena Freed. Motion carried.

- Request from administration for \$5,000 to support Artist in Residence project

The school administration will provide more information. Discussion and voting regarding this matter is deferred until the next meeting.

## **8. New Business**

Based on las month's Principal's report and discussion of the accountability pillar, we want to discuss how parents judge attitudes and knowledge necessary for learning throughout the lifetime.

Mr. Zarowny will add questions addressing this issue to the upcoming school survey.

## **9. Guest lecture series 30 min**

**N/A**

## **10. Future Agenda Items**

## **11. Mail/ Communications**

## **12. Adjourned at 8:32 pm.**

Confirmation for date of next meeting. February 16, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8.

# NHS School Council Meeting Principal's Report

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7:00 p.m.

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## 1. Accountability Pillar: Parent Surveys

### Information

Each year Alberta Education surveys parents regarding their child's school and their child's educational experience. Alberta Education provides feedback to the schools in a report called the Accountability Pillar Report.

Parents should be receiving paper surveys beginning in the week of January 23.

These surveys provide the school with valuable information regarding how we are performing including where we are doing well and areas that require improvement. The data from these surveys become measures in our Education Plan.

We are all parents to take the time to participate in the survey.

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## 2. Stakeholder Forum

### Information

On February 1, NHS will be once again hosting a stakeholders' forum at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, February 1.

The Stakeholder Forum is an opportunity for parents to share their ideas regarding how our school can continue to grow, develop, and improve. In addition, parents will have opportunity to hear and discuss ideas brought forward by other parents, students and staff. It promises to be a great evening! Facilitation services will once again be provided by the Community Development Unit of the Alberta Culture & Tourism Ministry.

If you would like to participate in this important event, please call or email Lisa Richardson ([lrichardson@newhorizons.ca](mailto:lrichardson@newhorizons.ca))

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### **3. Facility Update Information**

Behind the sealed-off area in the northeast sector of the building, the classroom and office spaces that will be located there are still being renovated. Following the removal of old walls and flooring materials, work crews have built new walls and doorways have been built to create office spaces for senior administration, counselling, audio room, sensory room, conference room, and music room. T-bar ceilings and new flooring will be installed soon.

An update will be posted on the website.

We anticipate that we will be able to move into these renovated spaces and the new wing of modular by the end of February.

### **4. Information Night Feedback Discussion**

Thank you Kim Johnson for speaking and sharing your story at the Information Night on January 16. Thank you also Manda Wilde, Dena Freed and Brandi Cox for being their to help answer questions.

I am seeking feedback from School Council representatives (ie. suggestions for improvement, common types of questions, etc.)