
New Horizons School Council Meeting Minutes

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

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Attendees: Kim Johnson, Brandy Cox, Dena Freed, Sandra Dargis, Ted Zarowny, Sarah-Jane Lovgren, Jennifer Asquini

1. Call to order 7:10 PM
2. Welcome and introductions
3. Review agenda
4. Reviewed minutes from February 16, 2017.

MOTION: Deena Freed moved to accept the minutes from the February 16, 2017.
Seconded by Sandra Dargis. Motion Carried

5. Reports

- Principal's report 20 minutes Mr. Zarowny
 - See attached.
 - Ted started doing the "The Week Ahead" posts based on parent feedback.
 - Regarding the new school news format, the School Council supports continuing with the new format. We are enjoying getting more timely news and for those who prefer one monthly newsletter, all the articles for each month are still available on the NHS website <http://www.newhorizons.ca/about/news/>
 - Regarding pedestrian safety on Hawkins Crescent:
 - Ted was asked about using student crossing guards and Ted said that many schools have gone away from student crossing guards due to liability issues.
 - The Traffic Safety Committee was consulted about this plan and according to the County, the portable crosswalk sign in that spot is a legal crosswalk.
 - The Traffic Safety Committee consists of representatives from all the county school boards, the County and traffic enforcement officers.
 - It will be necessary to enforce the current no-stopping zone to make the crossing safe. We don't want to extend the no-stopping zone because that will increase traffic congestion
 - Parents can also use the parking lot by the ice rink which is relatively close

- Financial Officer's report 5 minutes Manda Wilde
 See attached

- FANHS' report 5 minutes N/A

- Communications Officer 5 minutes Dena Freed
 More traffic on the student council Facebook page.

- Chair's report 5 minutes Kim Johnson

Thanks to all who have attended tonight
 Intake day went well – thanks to volunteers who attended. It was very busy, 34 parents in the gym in the morning and 59 parents in the afternoon. They had lots of questions. Per Ted, there were 153 applicants present. Most for kindergarten. Lots of interest in grade 2 this year. There is limited space in Grades 1 to 3 and 6. Spaces are available in Grade 4 and 5 because they can eliminate the split class. Still in the process of getting the norming done from the testing and then the applications will go to the admissions committee.

6. Previously Tabled Business

The request from administration for \$5000 to support Artist in Residence project Debra Bryan, Website www.debrabryanartistinresidence.com

The plan is for this to be a legacy project for the whole school to complete and will be displayed in the learning commons for years to come. An 8' X 8' mosaic mural. Project to begin this year.

Discussion on whether this can be funded out of School Support Fund. Concluded that there should room since we will spend very little on "events" this year due to the school construction.

MOTION: Brandy Cox moved to support the Artist in Residence project up to \$5,000 from the School Support fund. Seconded by Dena Freed. Motion Carried

7. Items for Discussion/Input 15 minutes

Family Dance vs movie night April 7. Will copyright allow for a dance? Is Jr. High fundraising interested in a concession?

- Will be doing a dance
- Would only need to pay Socan fees if we were charging admission.
- Junior High Fundraising hasn't gotten back to us about the concession
- We would run if from 6:30 to 8:30

- Dena will make a poster
- Ted is able to accumulate music for our playlist. Send him our requests
- Dance contests like limbo, Go Noodle break, Chicken dance
- Brandy has Mini-pops albums
- Ask around if anyone has a disco light or two that we can borrow.

8. New Business 30 min

Request from Administration to fund up to \$150 for a portable school crosswalk sign.

MOTION: Deena Freed moved to approve the purchase of a portable crosswalk sign to a maximum of \$150 from the school support fund. Seconded by Brandy Cox. Motion Carried

Out of town commuters have expressed interest in finding other families to car pool with. Can we create some kind of database to collect info and match people up? Per Ted, the school would be unable to offer this service due to liability issues but parents are welcome to organize carpooling informally – post a request on the facebook page for example.

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Mail/ Communications

11. Adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Confirmation for date of next meeting. April 13, May 11, June 8.

NHS School Council Meeting

Principal's Report

March 9, 2017

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New Horizons School

1. Feedback on School News Survey Results

Background

In December, the school began making regular posts on the school website containing school news stories in lieu of a monthly newsletter. Parents were able to subscribe to the post to get notifications with each new post. Facebook posts also directed viewers to the website post. As an added feature, we introduced Twitter to tweet out when new posts were added.

The intent of the change was to make the sharing of school news more timely, and provide a more consistent sharing of news rather than having it come en masse in a monthly newsletter.

For December, January, and February, the pilot was run. A survey was sent out to parents get a sense of their satisfaction with the alternate news sharing process.

The results of the survey are attached.

Action

- 1) Review the School News Survey Results including comments.
 - 2) Provide input regarding the sharing of school news for consideration by school administration.
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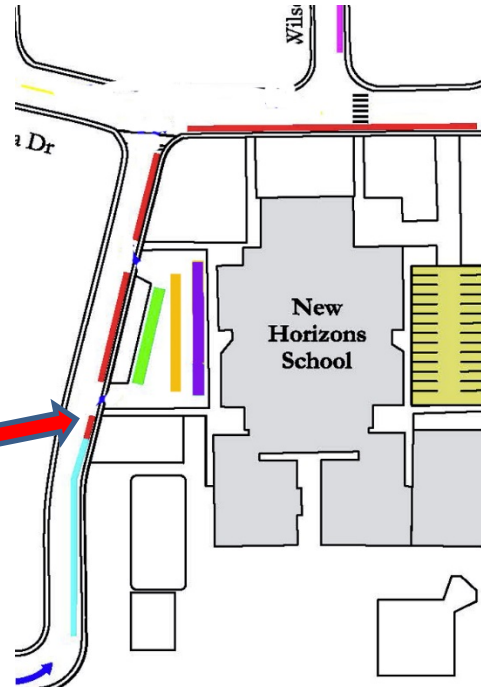
2. Funding Request

Background

We have been experiencing increased traffic on Hawkins Crescent during drop-off and pick-up times. Because of the congestion, many parents are parking on the west side of Hawkins Crescent and jay-walking their children across the street.

Parents and their children are jay-walking at various points along Hawkins Crescent and walking in between parked cars and through the traffic in the parking lot where other parents are dropping off their children in an already congested area.

In order to make crossing Hawkins Crescent safer, a portable crosswalk sign could be placed in the middle of the street as indicated in the diagram on the next page. That could funnel parents and their children to one crossing point and to guide them to use the sidewalk alongside the parking lot. The cost of the sign is \$123.50.

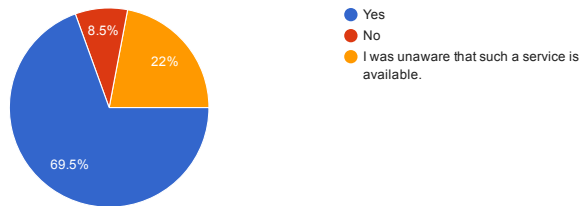


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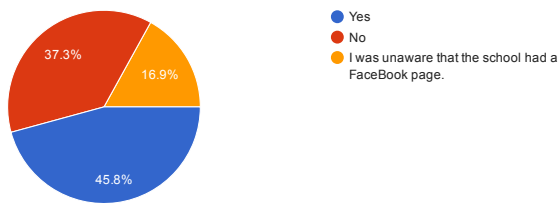
That School Council approves a motion that will approve the purchase of a portable crosswalk sign to a maximum of \$150.00.

School News Survey

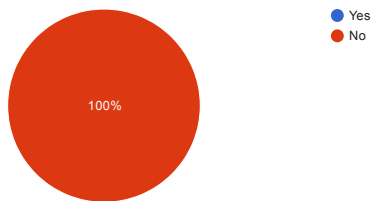
Have you subscribed to our web page news feed notification service? (59 responses)



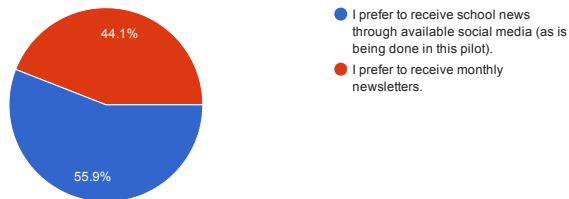
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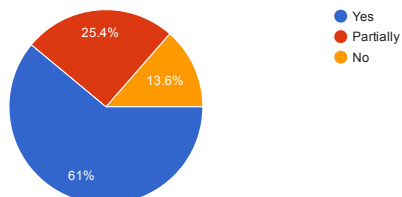
Would you be negatively affected if we discontinued posting on Twitter? (59 responses)



Do you prefer to receive school news through available social media (as we have been doing in our pilot) or through a monthly newsletter? (59 responses)



Does the "View All News" link on our home page act as an effective summary of a month's events? (59 responses)



New Horizons School Council Financial Officers Report

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1. February 2017 Expenditures
 - 1 Invoice Received
 - \$21.17 for Student Incentives (Classroom Support) Room 1M
 - Motioned Jan 19, 2017 School Council Meeting

2. Current Fund Allocation Overview

New Horizons School Fund Allocation			
	2016/2017 Allocation of Funds	Committed Funds	Remaining Funds
School Support	\$ 17,600	\$ 2,141	\$ 15,459
Classroom Support	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,990	-\$ 240
School Enhancement	\$ 27,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 26,500
Community Building / Parent Support	\$ 900	\$ 500	\$ 400
School Council Administration	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 48,250.00	\$ 5,631.15	\$ 42,618.85