
New Horizons School Council Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2017
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Learning Common, New Horizons School

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Attendees: Kim Johnson, Manda Wilde, Dena Freed, Sandra Dargis, Ted Zarowny, Brandi Mah, Nels Freed, Cammie Hamilton, Lauren Strate, Sarah MacDonald, Sarah-Jane Lovgren, Heidi Csaszar

1. Call to order 7:02 PM
2. Welcome and introductions
3. Review agenda

4. Reviewed minutes from January 19, 2017.

MOTION: Manda Wilde moved to accept the minutes from the January 19, 2017.
Seconded by Sandra Dargis. Motion Carried

5. Reports

- Principal's report 20 minutes Mr. Zarowny
 - See attached.
 - Re the 2017-18 school calendar, question was asked regarding the instructional days with no busses. Would it be possible to avoid having these as there are parents who cannot transport their children to school due to work commitments etc. which in turn makes it difficult for teachers to plan lessons for that day if students are missing. Especially since we expect to be 17 hours over the requirement for instructional hours, perhaps we could have the day off.
 - Per Mr. Zarowny they do try to follow the EIPS calendar as much as possible and the No Bus day on October 5th, 2017 is so that NHS can take a PD day on October 27th instead and thus be able to send representatives to the Chartered School Conference which is happening on that day. Mr. Zarowny will look into the extent to which attendance has been impacted on the No Bus days from this year.

- Financial Officer's report 5 minutes Manda Wilde

See attached

No new invoices came in during the period

We are slightly over- committed in classroom support from what was approved last year. This is due to our motion last month to approve up to \$50 per classroom for recess equipment but the original fund allocation had it at \$25 per classroom. If all amounts

are spent we would be over-spent in that category. Options are to re-motion at a lesser amount which required placement on the agenda for next month. Or we can leave at is and monitor how much is actually spent to see if a re-motion is needed. In prior years most teachers did not spend the full amount and with the mud etc from construction, it seems less likely that there will be much purchase of recess equipment this year (no invoices have been submitted to date). Mr. Zarowny will ask teachers how much they play on spending. Consensus was to leave as is for the time being and revisit in future meetings.

The amount unspent in school enhancement looks a little misleading because it doesn't include the planned spending on the chrome books from the Casino funds.

- FANHS' report 5 minutes Brandi Mah

The signing officers at the bank were changed last week to the new Chair and Treasurer. FANHS has had difficulty with the bank administrative policies holding up transition.

Hot Lunch and Mable's Labels are ongoing

The Casino is upcoming and will make up a significant amount of the budget for this year. The ability to access casino funds is the reason which have FANHS structured the way we do. It looks like we are good for volunteers. The funds have traditionally been used for technology purchases.

SGM on Thursday at 6:30om

- Communications Officer 5 minutes Dena Freed

More traffic on the student council Facebook page, looking for ways to get the word out about the page.

- Chair's report 5 minutes Kim Johnson

Thanks to all the parents who have attended tonight.

6. **Previously Tabled Business**

The request from administration for \$5000 to support Artist in Residence project will be moved to next month once the administration has more information.

7. **Items for Discussion/Input** 15 minutes

Discussion of a school council sponsored event such as a movie night in April. Mr. Zarowny confirmed that the construction timetable wouldn't interfere with an event and that the gym would be free on April 7th .

Parents in attendance suggested having a dance instead of a movie night. Possibly making it a fundraiser and charging admission and doing a raffle or silent auction. FANHS representative cautioned us that there are ALGC rules for doing a raffle which add a lot of work. Also with the previous pub night in 2014, it was a challenge to get silent auction donations. According to the policy, we have to have a specific reason to fundraise ie a specific place where the funds will be spent. Mr. Zarowny mentioned the idea of fundraising for a living wall in the learning commons.

Mr. Zarowny cautioned us that we will need to ensure that we comply with music copyright laws. Should be included under the SOCAN fees the school already pays.

Parents in attendance suggested the idea of other fundraisers such as bottle drives or collecting deposit containers in the classrooms. This may be more feasible in the future once all classrooms have sinks to rinse containers so the collection containers don't have smell and bug issues.

8. New Business 30 min

Mr. Zarowny presented "Understanding the Quality World" a discussion on the direction the school is going with Restitution Self Discipline."

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Mail/ Communications

11. Adjourned at 8:31 pm.

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

NHS School Council Meeting Principal's Report

January 19, 2017

7:00 p.m.

New Horizons School

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 have received paper surveys beginning in the week of January 23. We are all parents to take the time to participate in the survey. The deadline is February 24.

2. 2017-2018 School Calendar

Feedback Requested

At its February 14 Meeting, the Board was presented with a draft 2017-2018 school Calendar. The Board approved the calendar in principle, and is now seeking feedback from stakeholders including school council.

Action:

Provide feedback regarding the school calendar.

3. Facility Update

Information

Phase I of the modernization is expected to be completed on February 28. On March 1, the elementary classrooms in the portable wing will be relocated to the new modular classrooms.

- During the day, students from grades 4-9 will be assigned classrooms to help with the move.
- They will be responsible for moving over loose items such as books and binders using bins on wheels.
- Primary students will have planned activities in the gym while items are moved out from their rooms. The classroom moves will be staggered.
- During the evening, a moving company will relocate furniture and other heavy items.

A similar process will occur on March 2 when the three classrooms adjoining the learning commons will be relocated to the vacated modulares.

The staff room and learning commons will be moved on the evening of March 2 by a moving company.

During Phase II, the leaning commons, staff room, and washrooms east of the learning commons will be closed.

4. Intake Day: March 3

Discussion

We will be having our intake day on March 3.

The school is seeing assistance from parents for the day in two ways:

- Be present in the gymnasium where parents will have a waiting area to
- Maintain a coffee/snack bar

Please inform Lori Vigfusson if you can assist.

School Calendar 2017-18 (Draft)

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- Holiday / School Closure
- PD / Organizational Day – school closed to students
- Early Dismissal / Staff Meeting
- Day in Lieu of P-T Conferences (no students or staff)
- First / Last Student Day
- Instructional Day – no buses

New Horizons School Council Financial Officers Report

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1. January 2017 Expenditures
No Invoices Received

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