New Horizons School Council Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2017 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm Learning Common, New Horizons School

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Attendees: Kim Johnson, Brandy Cox, Sandra Dargis, Ted Zarowny, Sarah-Jane Lovgren, Sarah MacDonald, Brandi Mah, Shaun Wilde Ellisa Wilson

- **1.** Call to order 7:13 PM
- 2. Welcome and introductions
- **3.** Review agenda
- **4.** Reviewed minutes from March 9, 2017.

MOTION: Brandy Cox moved to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Sandra Dargis. Motion Carried

5. Reports

Principal's report

20 minutes

Mr. Zarowny

See attached

Enrollment:

- Largest grade 7 class NHS has ever had, almost all grade 6 students plan to return. This is also helpful from a funding standpoint because traditionally our Jr. High classes have been small.
- 63% met the cognitive criteria which is higher than prior year.
- If the budget is approved, the plan would be to have two grade 4 classes and two grade 5 classes (in place of the split)
- Part of the reason the grade 9 class is small is that if students decide to attend AJB, they usually leave after grade 8 (because ABJ is 9 to 12)
- Looking at enrollment of 318 next year.
- Space will not be an issue next year, we have enough classrooms and will still have a classroom for afterschool care.

Funding requests:

MOTION: Brandy Cox moved to reimburse the school for talent show decorations to a maximum of \$125 from the school support fund. Seconded by Ellisa Wilson. Motion Carried

MOTION: Brandy Cox moved to approve up to \$250 for the aboriginal games day from the school support fund. Seconded by Brandi Mah. Motion Carried

MOTION: Brandy Cox moved to approve a maximum of \$150 for the Year-end BBQ from the community building fund. Seconded by Ellisa Wilson. Motion Carried

Will need a large BBQ for the year-end BBQ. Do we know of any business or community group who might be interested in supplying a BBQ?

Music teacher:

- NHS is looking for a half-time music teacher. This teacher would also teach grade 4 half time. Looking to have choral from k to 6 and a Junior High music option.

Silverman presentation:

- Mr. Zarowny looking for feed back from the parents that attended.
 - Attendees felt it was a positive experience
 - Many of the other parents attending seemed to be just starting out in the process -ie identifying and understanding giftedness, looking for school and community
 support.
 - They met many parents from surrounding areas that didn't know about New Horizons
 - NHS would like to start a local parent support group. And Mr. Zarowny hopes that School Council to play a prominent role.

Parent advocate cards:

Financial Officer's report

Chair's report

- Attendees reviewed the draft card and were very supportive of the motto and most of the bullet points. It was suggested to remove or rephrase the term "like-minded peers" as it can be misunderstood as indicating that we don't value diversity when what we are trying to say is that is that NHS is a place where peers are understanding and accepting of the challenges that gifted students experience.

5 minutes

5 minutes

Manda Wilde

Kim Johnson

	See attached			
•	FANHS' report	5 minutes	Brandi Mah	
	 Next Book Fair will be the 2 If you need school supply I so the fundraising dollars g Looking for a possible Hot Next meeting May 31, 2013 	abels for next year rem go back to the school. Lunch Co-Chair	ember to use Mabels La	abels
•	Communications Officer	5 minutes	Dena Freed	
	Nothing to report			

6. Previously Tabled Business

Nothing to report

7. **Items for Discussion/Input** 45 minutes

Draft 2017/2018 Fund Allocation model:

- See attached for draft amounts
- School support was unusual high in 2016/17 due to the modernization
- FAANS can only fundraise for money to be used for a specific project or need at the school
- The budget runs from September 1st, to August 31st so bills coming in the summer should be approved by council before the end of the school year.
- Clubs reduce this year as existing clubs (chess etc) have their supplies already, Lego Mindstorms was about \$1000
- Sports/well being and Events should be similar amounts to last year
- Staff support should increase as staff numbers continue to rise
- Academic support can decrease as Gym renos was a one time issue; Mathletics can be removed from this budget.
- Recess equipment to be increased to \$50 per class as once the construction is done it would be a good time to restock the recess equipment (nothing has been purchased so far this year)
- Classroom incentives should increase due to anticipated increase in enrolment. \$5 per student for 320 students plus an additional \$200 for French.
- Technology: was unusually high in the current year because of the Casino. There are always annual technology purchases which could be assisted by school council funding – chrome books, school looking at purchasing a new class set of I-Pads. Mr. Zarowny felt \$10,000 would be a reasonable request.
- Major Projects Score clock, hopes to be in by October, living wall
- Guest speakers, team community building should be similar amount to last year
- Increase public relations to \$400 in particular, we'd like to do festival of trees next year.

MOTION: Brandi Mah moved to forward the draft 2017/2018 Fund Allocation Model totaling \$31,400 to FANHS for their consideration. Seconded by Ellisa Wilson. Motion Carried

8. New Business

10 minutes

- A request came from a parent regarding how one would go about starting an extracurricular club (Taekwondo). Per Ted, the interested parent should send a proposal to the him with the details. A school sponsored club would require a teacher supervisor/sponsor. Another option would be for the Taekwondo studio to rent the gym outside school hours to hold Taekwondo classes – in that case students would pay fees to attend the classes.

- An attendee expressed concerns over the size of the current playground/ play areas, especially given the space which is currently blocked off due to construction. Wondered whether we should consider starting the process to fundraise for new playground, understanding that that would be a significant undertaking.
- The question arose where the current construction would include replacement of the blacktop area where older students play basketball etc. Mr. Zarowny said he would look into that question.

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Mail/ Communications

11. Adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Confirmation for date of next meeting. June 8.

Three weeks notice needed for the Annual General Meeting.

NHS School Council Meeting Principal's Report

May 4, 2017 7:00 p.m. New Horizons School

1. Feedback on Intake Day

Background

- Attached are the results from our March 2017 intake day.
- Room for growth in grades 1, 4, 5, 8, and 9.
- Grade 7 class will be the largest grade 7 class we've had at an anticipated 27 students.

2. Funding Request

a) Approximately \$125 was spent on decorations and supplies for the Talent Show. Unfortunately, the receipt has been submitted to school finances and the exact amount was unable to be ascertained in time for this meeting.

Action: Motion: To reimburse the school for Talent Show decorations to a maximum of \$125.00

b) Aboriginal Games Day: On June 21, we will be having an aboriginal games day and will need support for supplies and treats

Action: Motion: To fund Aboriginal Games Day activities to a maximum of \$250 for supplies and treats.

b) The NHS staff will be hosting a year-end BBQ for NHS families for a date-to-be-determined in June. Staff will be setting up, cooking, etc. We hope School Council can support this event to the amount of \$150.00

Action: Motion: To fund NHS Year-End-BBQ to a maximum of \$150 for supplies.

3. Music at NHS

In the last two stakeholder sessions, a desire to increase music delivery was one of the main areas for improvement voiced. We are currently advertising for a music teacher who will be a part-time grade 4 teacher. Applications submissions close on May 5.

4. Parent Support Group

New Horizons School administration is interested in initiating a support group for parents of gifted children.

The support group would welcome parents and provide support for our parents and parents of children from other schools.

The focus of the group would be for parents to

- share their stories with others
- here the experience of others,
- make connections
- seek possible answers to questions

We would like to strike a steering committee before school ends. Interested parents should contact Lori Vigfusson.

5. Board/Parent Advocate Cards

As one of our Education Plan strategies, NHS administration is creating a card that Board Members and Parent Advocates who wish to have one can keep handy and refer to when advocating for NHS.

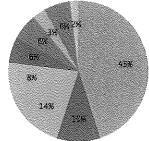
Action: School Council feedback on the motto and bulleted points.

New Horizons School Spring 2017 Intake Day Results

Met Criteria	63%
Did Not Meet Criteria	37%
Vait List	9%
Accepted For 2017-2018	54%

Results By Grade

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Kindergarten	Met Criteria	36	64%	Grade 4	Met Criteria	7	88%
	Did Not Meet Criteria	18	32%	Glade 4	Did Not Meet Criteria	0	0%
	Wait List	2	4% .				13%
	Total	56			Waiting to be Assessed Total	1	13%
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•				Grade 5	Met Criteria	6	83%
Grade 1	Met Criteria	6	50%		Did Not Meet Criteria	0	0%
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	Wait List		33%		Wait List	1	25%
	Total	18			Total	4	
Grade 3	Met Criteria	3	30%			_	
	Did Not Meet Criteria	5	50%	Grade 7	Met Criteria	5	57%
	Wait List	2	20%		Did Not Meet Criteria	1	14%
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of Applications

TOTAL

125

New Horizons School Council Financial Officers Report

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1. March/April 2017 Expenditures

School Support:

\$21.26 Forgotten Lunch Supplies to NHS Motioned January 19, 2017

\$18.95 Forgetten Lunch Supplies to NHS Motioned January 19, 2017

\$136.51 Teacher Meals to C.Hamilton Motioned January 19, 2017

Classroom Support:

\$55.83 Gr.5 Student Incentives to A.Watson Motioned January 19, 2017

\$37.96 Gr 1J Student Incentives to A.Joly Motioned January 19, 2017

School Council Administration \$20.00 Babysitting - October to M.Wilde Motioned October 2016

2. Current Fund Allocation Overview

New Horizons School Fund Allocation							
		016/2017 llocation of Funds	C	Spent & Committed Funds		Remaining Funds	
School Support	\$	17,600	\$	7,428	\$	10,172	
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	\$	20	\$	480	
GRAND TOTAL:	\$	48,250.00	\$	10,937.66	\$	37,312.34	

New Horizons School Fund Allocation

	2017-2018 Allocation of Funds (Draft)	Potential Projects, Items & Ideas Identified (Specific Highlighted Items are Under Consideration for the Education Plan)
School Support	\$12,250	
Clubs		Ex. LEGO Mindstorms purchase; Arts & Crafts; Science; Track & Field; Computer, Chess
Sports & Well Being	1000	Facility Rental for Sport Teams during Gym Renos; Intermurals; Sports Day; School Teams; Mission Impossible; Track 'n Field Competition Day / Healthy School Initiatives - Mindfulness, Health Fair, Yoga Instructor, Back up Lunches
Events	2000	Ex. Christmas Play &/or Concert; Grade 9 Grad; Talent Show; Art Walk; Winter Carnival/Cabane a Sucre (Sugar Shack); Kinder Grad; Science Fair
Staff Support	750	Teacher Meals; Interviews; Staff Appreciation Week; Bereavement; Staff Awards
Academic Support	7500	Jr High Drama; Academic Awards Event; "Reach for the Top"; Star Gazer; Art in Residence (Writing or Art); In-School Concert/Production; STEM; IB Programming Support
Total	12250	
Classroom Support	\$ 2,550	
Recess Equipment	750	General Fund for the Entire School (\$50 per class X 15 classes) Student Based Funding at Teacher Discretion (Ex. reward items, special speaker, special field trip, fun activities)
Classroom Incentives	1800	(\$5 per student allocated plus \$200 additional for French)
Total	2550	
School Enhancement	\$ 15,000	
Sports Equipment		
Technology		Chromebooks; Ipads
Major Projects	5000	Score Clock; horticultural projects
Total	15000	
Community Building / Parent Support	\$ 1,100	
Guest Speakers	500	
Team/Community Building		Ex. Movie Night; BBQ; Dance; Family Game Night; Potluck; Paint Night, Peanut Scramble; Giving Back Campaign
Public Relations/Hospitality	400	Ex. School Based Celebrations; Festival of Trees, Science Fair (after hours); Wellness Fair (open to public)
M-4-1	1100	
Total	1100	
School Council Administration	\$ 500	
General Admin Expenses	100	
Babysitting	400	
Total	500	
Total	500	
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GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 31,400.00	