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# New Horizons School Council Meeting Minutes

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December 8, 2015  
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Learning Common, New Horizons School

**Bring/ Read:** Minutes of November 3 meeting. Please be aware that paper copies of meeting minutes and agenda will not be provided.

In attendance: Katie McCaskill, Faye Freeman, Rhonda Jenkin, Brandi Mah, Darlene Groten, Kim Johnson, Ted Zarowny, Tina Marie Baldwin, Nicole Pasemko.

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1. Call to order - 6:35pm
2. Introductions
3. Review agenda.
4. Approval of Minutes from November 3 meeting, as presented.

**MOTION** - Kim Johnson makes motion to approve meeting minutes as amended. Seconded by Katie McCaskill. Approved.

## 5. Reports

- Principals's report 10 minutes Mr Zarowny
- 1) New grade 2 teacher to fill in for Mrs Meek. Rochelle Skogen. Comes with a lot of experience in grade 2 and we are excited to have her on board. We are still looking for a great teacher to replace Mrs LB, to start after Christmas break.
  - 2) Christmas Concert is next week. First time in many years we've had to have our concert in two nights. In order to allow everyone to see the stage, we are spreading it out over two nights. Creating some issues with night requests. Keeping tickets at four but parents can request more tickets via Mrs Richardson. Difficult one is driving in twice, we may look at splitting grades. We'll be looking at input from parents afterwards. We're excited to have our own gymnasium and reduce busyness of set up and take down of stage area.

- Financial Officer's report 10 minutes Darlene Groten
- Fund allocation process

We're doing things differently this year, trying to reduce time during meetings by getting a lot of leg work done at the beginning of the year. Many people are used to seeing things done as in past and so we're working on tweaking our new process and making things run more efficiently. Fund allocation process is on the website, can be reviewed there. Discussion ensues about communication/ process error with funding for buzzers. Fund allocation process reviewed and clarified. Stream lined process allows set and reoccurring expenditures to be approved ahead of time.

**ACTION ITEM** - Vote for yearly expenditures to be approved at next meeting.

We would encouraged people to come to all meetings to provide input and not just meetings which involve financial issues. We are trying very hard to keep our school council all inclusive, welcoming, and open. We would welcome parents to attend as many meetings as possible and not just for those involving funding.

Financial Report: Nothing to report as of November 30. NHS fund allocation November Document is available online. However recipes that were submitted for December as as follows:

- Receipts

\$544.50 for field trips. Details on NHS fund allocation spreadsheet, found on School Council website for next Student Council meeting.

\$544.58 for sound system mixer. Details on NHS fund allocation spreadsheet.

\$248.01 for buzzers for Reach for the Top.

**MOTION** - Darlene motions to approve spending \$248.01 for buzzers for Reach for the Top. Seconded by Kim Johnson. Approved.

- FANHS' report

5 minutes

FANHS representative

Please see attached FANHS report.

- Communications Officer

5 minutes

Katie McCaskill

Update. Katie has all the parent information so communications will come from Communication Officer and not Lisa Richardson. Anything by School Council to go out, please send it to Katie ready to go.

Facebook update: Family movie night post had 613 views. Going much farther into the community. If parents have pictures (without student faces) please send them to communication officer to be posted to Facebook.

- Chair's report

5 minutes

Tina Marie Baldwin

Movie night was a success. We had a communication error between school/ school council in getting out the information about movie night. With only a weeks notice, we still had 80 people attend. Junior High adventure club came to do concession. We may suggest that they consider doing hot dogs next time as the time was close to dinner.

## 6. Previously Tabled Business

15 minutes

- School council banner

Post banner to Facebook for feedback, also on the website. Blue background with photos in NHS shape. If anyone knows a printing company, please let us know.

**ACTION ITEM**- Nicole and Katie to post to Facebook. Tina Marie will post to website.

## 7. Items for Discussion/Input

30 minutes

- Christmas oranges

Last year school council supported the purchase of Christmas oranges, just as a treat before Christmas break. Teachers liked the oranges last year.

**MOTION** - Nicole. Motion to spend up to \$125 for Christmas oranges for the classrooms.

Seconded by Darlene Groten. Approved. Plan for distribution Tuesday December 15 morning.

**ACTION ITEM**- Darlene to speak with Save On Foods about possible donation of oranges or discount.

- Newsletter discussion

Katie: We are unsure that we can combine a newsletter because there are different permissions for school council and FANHS. Anti spam legislation requires permission for email addresses. 3 different lists of email addresses. School, school council and FANHS.

**ACTION ITEM**- Newsletter items can be brought up under communication officer area of agenda. Possibly add in articles to keep newsletter going. Send small articles to Katie, ready to paste into newsletter. For January, we can just have dates. We can put in information about Lannie Kanevsky for January.

- January movie night

January 22. Minions.

- Winter carnival

Ted: Date may need to be moved back to late February due to time conflicting in January. Looking at February 24. It would be nice to see some of the local facilities used. Possibly using Festival Place area (sledding hills, bathrooms, areas to warm up). Ted would be looking for help with school council with supervision, help on hill, help at the rink tying shoe laces. Will let us know at January meeting if he needs any financial support. Possibly hot chocolate?

- January guest speaker (Lannie Kanevsky)

Jan 28 she is coming to speak to parents in the evening. Is there something that is really pressing concerning gifted education? Possibly approaches to dealing with gifted kids at home. Dealing with over excitabilities? Managing perfectionism. Practical solutions for parents. Ted will bring forward portion of bill for parents meeting. It will be 90min-120min. Plan for 6:30 doors, 6:45 start.

**ACTION ITEM** - Ted to send information blurb from Lannie, to Katie for posting in newsletter.

## 8. **New Business**

- Future meeting dates: January 12, February 9, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14. AGM will be held in June 2016.

## 9. **Guest lecture series.**

“Stress”

30 minutes

Mr Zarowny

## 10. **Future Agenda Items**

Receipts to vote on.

Vote on Lannie Kanevsky

Vote for banner.

Vote if we're spending money on prizes for movie night.

Vote for yearly expenditures.

## 11. **Mail/ Communications**

Adjournment: 8:24pm

Next meeting date: January 12 at 6:30pm.

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FANHS Report

We've wrapped up the majority of our fundraiser's for the year, with a games night with silent auction/raffle planned for January or February - date to be determined.

FANHS is collecting donations of Silent Auction/Raffle Items towards 6 themed baskets:

- Movie Night
- Gardening
- BBQ
- Coffee Lovers
- Foodie
- Pink

Any new items may be donated for our raffle/silent auction at games night by contacting Kim at [bkmyhre@shaw.ca](mailto:bkmyhre@shaw.ca)

Wishing everyone happy holidays from FANHS