
New Horizons School Council Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2015
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Learning Common, New Horizons School

Bring/ Read: Minutes of December 8, 2015 meeting. Please be aware that paper copies of meeting minutes and agenda will not be provided.

Attendees: Tina Marie Baldwin, Katie McCaskill, Kim Johnson, Mrs Hamilton (teacher representative), Ted Zarowny (principal), Darlene Groten, Nicole Pasemko, Brandi Mah.

1. Call to order, 6:30pm
3. Review agenda
4. Approval of Minutes from December 8 meeting, as presented. Amendments made.
MOTION - Nicole Pasemko motions to approve meeting minutes, as amended, seconded by Katie McCaskill. All in favour. Motion passed.

5. Reports

- Principals's report Mr Zarowny

Please see attached Principals Report.

Christmas concert went well. Looking for feedback into how the two night concert went. Comments that it was difficult to come for two nights. Seating was busier first night vs second. The idea of a second concert in Spring for older grades might be an idea. Car pooling could be an option to help get kids there for two nights. Possibly implement a survey in early fall for parents? Possibly maybe having a rotating door process for parents to watch for specific grades who are performing.

Rubik's club is running at recess. About 20 kids per division. Chess will start up at lunch soon. Boys team had their first basketball win tonight. Open house tomorrow.

- Financial Officer's report Darlene Groten
- Vote on recurring fund allocation items:

1) Classroom Incentives - Preliminary discussion of \$100 per class of 20+ children; \$50 per class of sizes of 10-13 children. Discussion- Generally incentives are generally by class, not per person.

MOTION- Tina Marie motions to spend up to \$5 per student, per class, for classroom incentives for 2015/2016 school year, seconded by Darlene Groten. All in favour. Motion is passed.

2) Recess Equipment - \$50 per class of 20+ children; \$25 per class sizes of 10-13 children. Discussion. Parent would suggest payment per class, teacher rep suggests that we do payment per child as bigger classes will use up more equipment. We only used \$38.00 per class for recess equipment. Maybe they don't need more funding this year?

ACTION ITEM- Darlene to send an email to Ted, for teachers requesting information on whether they require an increase in funding for recess equipment. We will address funding at a later date. 3) Back Up Lunches - up to \$300 receipts

MOTION- Motion made by Tina Marie to approve spending of up to \$250 for the 2015/2016 school year, for backup lunches, seconded by Darlene Groten. All in favour. Motion approved.

Celebration will be held on February 24. Opening/ anniversary ceremony be run by Don Falk. There will be a morning event with class teams. There is also the idea of a Winter Carnival. Possibly ice skating, tobogganing in afternoon but would require School Council and parent help. Maybe if we have a few activities planned, but what and where will we have volunteers available. School Council will support the Winter Carnival day, just waiting to hear confirmed details.

ACTION ITEM - Kim to bring Minions movie.

ACTION ITEM- Katie/ Nicole to send reminder via Facebook and link to RSVP.

Lannie Kanevsky - Mr Zarowny is waiting to hear if there is a cost for parents discussion. Presentation will be evening of Thursday January 28. Approximately 60 minutes.

MOTION - Tina Marie motions to spend up to \$50 for hospitality drinks for Lannie Kanevsky evening, seconded by Kim Johnson. All in favour. Motion approved.

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

10. Mail/ Communications - None.

Adjournment and confirmation for date of next meeting, second Tuesday of the month

January 12, 2016 Principal's Report

1) Successful Christmas Concert

- SC feedback it welcome for next year's plans
 - Two nights?
 - Split primary and elementary
 - other

2) School Clubs

- Rubik's Cube
 - Getting about 20 kids in the primary division and 20 from upper elementary
 - Practicing 1 to 2 times a week at morning recess
 - Will be hosting a school competition next week.
- Chess
 - Students signed up last week – will begin lunch hour games
 - Schedule still being drawn
- Rubik's Cube and chess will be combined at lunch recess starting next week

3) School Sports

- Basketball well under way
 - Both boys and girls team
- Badminton will begin in March

4) New Staff & Roles

- Ms. Vigfusson has begun her new role as vice-principal on January 4
- Mrs. Amanda Panas is teaching in the grade 4 room three afternoons a week to relieve Ms. Vigfusson for her administrative time.
- Mrs. Meagan Alfano is our new grade three teacher.

4) Open House

- Tomorrow night
- Tina Marie to speak
- After the main presentation, other SC members will be introduced
 - Parents will move to one of three designated rooms
 - K – gym
 - Primary – Learning Commons
 - Gr. 4-6 – Mrs. Dinel's Room
 - Jr. High – Mr Wilde's room
 - One parent per room to help respond to questions from a parent perspective
 - Lanyards for ID will be provided

5) More Wish list Items

- The school was informed that casino funds need to be used
- Staff was given the opportunity to provide feedback
 - The list grew – things need to be priced out
 - Will present at the February meeting for approval

FANHS update:

I'm unable to attend tonight and no one else from FANHS is able to attend. FANHS hasn't had a meeting since the last school council meeting....so there's not much new to report from FANHS.

For the FANHS Report please mention that we're:

- needing volunteers for Hot Lunch on Wednesdays
- collecting donations for a silent auction/raffle of 6 themed baskets: Movie Night; Gardening; BBQ; Coffee Lovers; Foodie; and Pink. Contact Kim Myhre at bkmyhre@shaw.ca
- Family Games Night Fundraiser is on Friday, February 19th at 6pm at the school
- Next FANHS meeting will be in February - date to be determined

Thanks!
Sherri