

## NEW HORIZONS SCHOOL COUNCIL 2015-2016

### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday September 8, 2015 - New Horizons School building, learning common.

Called to order @6:38pm

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS. In attendance: Tina Marie Baldwin (chair), Kim Johnson (secretary), Darlene Groten (finance officer), Katie McCaskill (communications officer), Nicole Pasemko (vice chair), Jill Weiss, Andrea Watson (teacher representative), Brandy Cox, Didi Wimmer- Frank, Theo Charette, Tanya Penner, Brandi Mah, Vicky Qualie, Nadine Duker, Ted Zarowny (principal), Becky Kallal (ASCA representative),

I. CURRENT OPERATING PROCEDURES - Will be reviewed in Tina Marie's report.

#### II. REPORTS

- A. PRINCIPAL (Ted Zarowny) - Thank you for your help. Meet the teacher night tomorrow at 7pm, please come and meet the teacher and other parents but limit questions specific to your child to another date. Volunteers require criminal record check and child welfare check, we are looking for more volunteers. Please contact the school with questions, applications are available online. New location helps open up a new excitement and new vision. The change has been evident in the students and parents, even in just the first week of school. Possibly grade 5/6 volleyball team. Reach for the Top is looking for more members grades 7-9. Possibly may have to ask for 5/6's, depending on interest— format is 4vs4 questions. 20 minute rounds of questions, similar to Jeopardy. Practises are Thursdays after school. Student Voice will be starting up soon (Grade 3-6), Mrs Hamilton will start up a student council, possibly a rocket club.
- B. CHAIR (Tina Marie Baldwin) - Current Operating Procedures are posted on the NHS website. Please read if you have questions. Role of school council: School council acts as an advisory capacity to the school. Fundraising is done by FANHS (Fundraising As-

sociation of New Horizons School), we can put together ideas for items required (ie learning commons), various activities, support parents (educational opportunities). We did not put together a budget per say, but based on feedback form last year we found that finances monopolized too much time at meetings. We are working on a different model for budget this year to help streamline process, this budget will be presented at next months meetings. We are looking for parental input for ideas, things parents would like school council to support i.e. fun events, movie nights. Bringing back the concept of room reps, hoping for one room rep per classroom to attend School Counsel meetings and report back to parents. Hoping that this helps. We need to get the word out that babysitting is available at meetings. If you know a babysitter, please contact us. If you require a babysitter for meetings, please fill out the form online prior to meetings. As for field trips and School Counsels sponsorship, there was no definitive decision last year as to whether we would/ would not. We are thinking of using more broad headings this year and that field trips would be under "classroom support". Other things included will be student incentives, field trips, etc. Meeting attendee suggests a survey to parents asking where parents would like to see their school council funds be spent. Discussion ensues about how voting on funds occurs. We may need to review how voting occurs to streamline process. Overview is that we have a budget at the beginning of the year which is voted on, we review how priorities are and if they have changed throughout the year. Please send any feedback or questions to Tina Marie.

IV. ASCA PRESENTATION (Alberta School Councils' Association) 7:00 - 8:30pm

V. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: To be confirmed.