

6. Previously Tabled Business

None

7. Items for Discussion/input

Fundraiser

A student will be travelling to the United States for medical treatment. He and his family will be required to stay there for an extended time. The school would like to raise funds to help with the out-of-town living expenses during treatment.

- would like to have the fundraiser in conjunction with a School council event (perhaps family games night)
- We can raise money from concession, silent auction
- Ms. Vigfusson is approaching local businesses for donations for the silent auction etc.
- Tentatively scheduled for March 16th
- Ms. Vigfusson will talk to Leadership about running the concession. May need help with logistics like driving to the store to purchase items
- For a games night we could have parents bring in games and/or contact a local board game café to supply games
- Abe suggested that the school reach out to the Chamber of Commerce for donations
- Last games night we brought in Pizza - families put in their orders in advance. Panago or perhaps Nitza's
- Considering also doing an external event like a pub night (or paint night) later in the year
- Looking into getting a story in the Sherwood Park News

8. New business

- The school will need volunteer support for intake day on March 2nd, 2018. 2 to 3 people both for the morning (8:30 to 11am) and the afternoon (12:30 to 3pm) to help sign-in participants, stock refreshments in the gym, be available to chat with waiting parents and answer questions. Please let us know if you would be available
- Re advertising for registrations. We don't plan on attending the trade fair this year as we haven't had significant response in the past (based on the time and effort put in) Looking for something with a bigger bang for the buck like a story in the newspaper perhaps. Was suggested to consider attending the spring registration fair at the mall (Suzuki was there last year)
- Future meeting dates: 4th Tuesday of the month, February 27th, March 20th (may be moved up), April 24th, May 22nd, June 26th (AGM)

9. Future Agenda items

- 2nd review of the Records Retention policy

10. Mail/Communications

11. Confirmation of date of next meeting February 27, 2018. Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm

NHS School Council Meeting

Principal's Report

January 23 , 2018
7:00 p.m.
New Horizons School

1. Information Night

- Thank You
 - Thank you, Kim, for speaking at the January at the January 17 Information Night. You once again expressed your passion for gifted education and for our school.
 - Thank you Brandy, Manda, and Sandra for also being at the information night to assist with questions prospective parents may have had.
 - We had approximately 120 parents in attendance.
 - The majority of parents were interested in kindergarten
 - There was a good turnout for grades 1-3 and grades 4-9.
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2. Admissions Update

Information:

Admissions for the 2018-2019 school year opened before the Christmas break. The following table illustrates the distribution of applicants. The bottom row indicates the number of applicants up to January 23 for the last three years.

Grade	2018	2017	2016
K	44		
Grade 1	12		
Grade 2	7		
Grade 3	9		
Grade 4	2		
Grade 5	3		
Grade 6	3		
Grade 7	5		
Grade 8	1		
Grade 9	0		
Total	86	71	59

3. Future Spending Goals

Information:

The Stakeholder Forum is an essential element in our school's planning process and contributes significantly to the development of our Three-Year Education Plan, which in turn establishes the direction and priorities for our school.

This year's Stakeholder Forum will focus on three discussion topics:

1. School Programming: What's working well? How can our program be strengthened? Targeted discussions on the primary grades, upper elementary grades, and junior high grades are planned.
2. School Culture: What's working well? How can our school culture be enhanced?
3. Strategies for promoting awareness of and communication about our school.

Facilitation services at this year's Stakeholder Forum will once again be provided by the Community Development Unit of the Alberta Culture & Tourism Ministry.

If you would like to participate in this important event, please call or email Lisa Richardson (lrichardson@newhorizons.ca) in our school office.

Last fall the school was able to meet its technology needs through our modernization budget leaving School Council and FANHS the opportunity to re-allocate the \$10,000. While School Council and FANHS have been tremendous supporters of the school's technology, it is important that other areas of improvement be supported. Two areas in which the school will likely require School Council/FANHS support are the following:

- School grounds enhancement including a garden space
- Stage/gym lighting enhancement to include LED lighting

We are currently seeking quotes for both of these projects.

If School Council has some other ideas, please bring them forward.
