
New Horizons School Council Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2018
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Learning Common, New Horizons School

Attendees: Kim Johnson, Sandra Dargis, Ted Zarowny, Manda Wilde, Brandi Mah, Brian Loehr, Kim Fehr, Elizabeth Macue, Inna Mackay, Darlene Groten, Heather Beztily, Tanya Deroo, Ravina Sanghera, Cheryl VanDenbosch, Jason and Brianne Davio, Dr. Sal Mandaglio

1. Call to order – 7:05pm
2. Welcome and introductions
3. Review agenda
4. Review and approve meeting minutes from April 24th meeting.

MOTION: Manda Wilde moved to approve the draft minutes from the April 24th meeting. Seconded by Brandi Mah. Motion Carried.

5. Reports

- Chair report 5 minutes Kim Johnson

Mitchel's family has updated us that he is doing well and responding well to therapy

- Research Project 15 minutes Dr. Sal Mandaglio

Dr. Sal Mandaglio from the University of Calgary joined the meeting to discuss a re-search project he is working on aimed at understanding how parenting impacts gifted children. The focus is on parents of children in Kindergarten to Grade 3.

He is looking for New Horizons parents that might be interested in participating in the study. Looking to interview up to 10 parents before the end of the school year. Interviews could be done at the school, would take maximum of 2 hours. Would be a combination of structured and open-ended questions.

Contact Dr. Mandaglio if you are interested (Mr. Zarowny has contact information). Participants would sign informed consents. Project has been approved by U of C Ethics board

- Principal's report 20 minutes Mr. Zarowny

See attached

School council was very supportive of the proposed revised dress code, suggesting only minor changes to the wording of certain sections.

Example: Section 2 should specify that a shirt must have straps or sleeves (ie no tube-tops)

In Section 4, it was suggested that parents be contacted prior to a student being issued temporary school clothing, partly because parents may be unaware that dress code violations are occurring.

School council was generally supportive of the proposed changes to recess times especially if it means students will have more time to eat their lunches.

Truth and Reconciliation:

MOTION: Brandi Mah moved to approve up to \$80 from the Community Building fund for welcome gifts for Elder Strawberry and Elder Wilson. Seconded by Manda Wilde. Motion Carried.

- Financial Officer's report 5 minutes Manda Wilde

See Attached

There continues to be a significant balance in "remaining funds". All remaining funds at year end (including any items which have been motioned but not spent by the FANHS year end) will be returned to FANHS to form part of the 2018/2019 funding allocation.

- FANHS' report 10 minutes Heather Bezilny

BT Honey is wrapping up, over \$1800 in sales with 35% profit to the school.

The Salisbury gift card fundraiser run by Laura R. was also a success. It was a popular fundraiser and very easy to administer.

FANHS AGM is on June 18th, they will also be presenting at the Board meeting on the 20th.

6. Previously Tabled Business

7. Items for Discussion/Input

Develop fund allocation request for 2018/2019 school year. To be forwarded to FANHS for consideration

See draft allocation attached.

Enrollment is currently at 359 students, 17 classes

Needs to be to FANHS by June 11th

Based on feedback from teachers, we will increase school incentives to \$8 per student plus \$100 each for French and Music

A top priority for parents is to get the swings back in the playground. Per Ted, we need to fully investigate where we can put playground equipment first including finalizing the plan for where future modular classrooms would be added.

We also would like to do a playground expansion, the current playground too small for the number of students we now have. There is not a lot for the div 2 kids to do at recess. Perhaps we could partner with Ecole CDT to raise money. This would be a major project and it would take years. Would need to form a special committee, and we have to be mindful of our \$100,000 CRA fundraising cap. It was asked if we could use future Casino money. The issue is that since the casino funds can only be used for a pre-approved purpose, if the playground project fell through we would lose the casino funds for that year.

Swings would be a significant outlay. Since this is so preliminary and we don't have a plan or cost estimates yet, we will not include it in this allocation. Once we have more information we could do a future ask from FANHS via an SGM – maybe in January.

Based on feedback from teachers, we increased the recess equipment amount so they could purchase higher quality items or sets of equipment to be used by multiple grades. Also storage bins would be helpful – there are great ones at Costco.

Question was asked about the Jr high adventure trip. Although this is not funded by council, Mr. Zarowny explained that the trip was not done this year because so few students were signing up and the cost per student has become prohibitive. Administration is currently looking into new trip ideas for the future. Something high quality and curriculum-based like the Biogeoscience Institute camp in the Kananaskis.

Administration is not asking for funds from School Council for chromebooks in 2018/2019. Technology purchases for this year will be funded from modernization funds.

Artist in residence didn't happen this year but we would like to do in the future. Suggested perhaps a Phys-ed dance or Drama program. The Trickster Theatre program was suggested.

Clubs – Mr. Zarowny wants to put together a Maker Box that could be used for clubs and also could be rotated through the classrooms. It would be filled with coding tools (like the Spheros) and other STEM activities or even art activities.

Discussed wanting to increase the teacher interview meals amount to provide a healthier more substantial meal. Teacher feedback was that the meals were very much appreciated. Discussed catering (or a potluck) rather than ordering in as we would get a bigger bang for the buck. Heather Bezilny said she might be able to cater.

Per Mr. Zarowny, there are not currently any major projects for which the school will be requesting school Council funds (other than possibly the swings which are on hold until next year) The stage lighting will now be funding by IMR grant

MOTION: Darlene Groten moved to forward the draft 2018/2019 Fund Allocation Model totaling \$27,100 to FANHS for their consideration. Seconded by Heather Bezilny. Motion Carried.

8. New Business

9. Future Agenda Items

Voting in of upcoming years executive. Please let Kim Johnson know if you are interested in any positions.

10. Mail/ Communications

11. Meeting adjourned at 9:14pm

Confirmation for date of next meetings
June 26 (AGM).

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New Horizons School Council Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2018

7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Learning Common, New Horizons School

Attendees: Kim Johnson, Brandy Cox, Laura Rasmussen, Sandra Dargis, Ted Zarowny, Manda Wilde, Michelle Stephens, Janice Dinel

1. Call to order – 7:05pm
2. Welcome and introductions
3. Review agenda
4. Review and approve meeting minutes from March 13th meeting.

MOTION: Laura Rasmussen moved to approve the draft minutes from the February 20th meeting. Seconded by Brandy Cox. Motion Carried.

5. Reports

- Chair report 5 minutes Kim Johnson

Thanks to all who helped out at the games night fundraiser, it was a great success.

- Principal's report 20 minutes Mr. Zarowny

See attached

- Financial Officer's report 5 minutes Manda Wilde

See attached

The artist in residence amount will not be spent this year but will look into it for future years.

Re recess equipment: Encourage teachers to spend their allocation before the year runs out – it would be ideal if the equipment were purchased at the beginning of the year. The comment was made that \$25 isn't always enough to purchase a quality piece of equipment that will last (especially for the older grades). It was suggested to consider allocating larger amounts less often (for example one year Div 1 gets \$50 per class and the next year Div 2 gets \$50 per class etc) so that teachers can get a bigger bang for their buck. Another option might be to pool the money together between grades to purchase shared equipment perhaps having 1 teacher or a small committee make the purchasing decisions.

- FANHS' report 5 minutes FANHS representative

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2018/2019 financial request projections and FANHS financial request.

In the past few years there have been a number of line items on the funding allocation which were not spent.

This year we hope to solicit more input from teachers and admin to get their feedback and specific requests. With this, we aim to take a more strategic approach in developing a funding allocation to ensure it meets the needs and wants of the school community.

Administration is still spending the last of the fixturing allowance from the modernization budget but afterwards there are items they will request from school council such as landscaping, house/stage lighting and sound system for the gym.

We would like to spend more on events and community building – brainstorm possible events.

Potentially a Gifted Education conference at the school with guest speaker

Enhance school dances and events

Discussed possibility of expanding the year-end BBQ to include a carnival.

10. Mail/ Communications

11. Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm

Confirmation for date of next meetings
May 22, June 26 (AGM).

NHS School Council Meeting

Principal's Report

May 22 , 2018
7:00 p.m.
New Horizons School

1. Revised Dress Code

Our Parent Handbook includes a dress code for students. It reads as follows:

- *Students are expected to dress appropriately for weather conditions.*
- *Halter tops, low cut tank tops, very short skirts and shorts, bathing attire and clothing with inappropriate words or images, etc. are not acceptable. As a guideline, the hemline of shorts and skirts should not be shorter than one's fingers when the arms are at one's side.*
- *Students who come to school dressed in a way that breaches the dress code will be given alternate cover-up clothing to wear for the duration of the day.*
- *Students are expected to take off their hats when they enter school. (We have eliminated this one)*
- *Students are expected to have and use indoor footwear.*

In order to make our dress code more inclusive and provide more clarity, NHS is proposing the adoption of the attached draft Dress Code.

Action:

Requesting feedback from School Council regarding the draft NHS Dress Code.

2. Recess Changes for the 2018-2019 School Year

Information:

The NHS bell schedule will be undergoing changes in the 2018-2019 school year. The proposed change will

- *lengthen the lunch hour to 60 minutes from the current 44 minutes.*
- *eliminate the afternoon recess*

The rationale for this change is twofold:

- *to meet the requirements of the revised *Employee Standards Code*, that entitles employees to at least 30 minutes of rest (break) during every 5-hour work period*
- *to reduce lost instructional time during recess transitions*

Students will still receive 30 minutes of daily physical activity, and many teachers already implement movement breaks for their students.

Action:

Requesting feedback from School Council regarding the shift to a 60 minute lunch break.

3. Truth & Reconciliation Update

Information:

In line with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation's *Calls to Action* and [Alberta Education's commitment](#) to including mandatory First Nations, Métis and Inuit perspectives and experiences in classrooms, students at New Horizons School will begin learning about some of those perspectives and experiences in the next few weeks.

- Students will be given background information regarding the Truth & Reconciliation Commission.
- We are coordinating a day to recognize indigenous perspectives by arranging the following:
 - Elder Theresa Strawberry will be introduced and welcomed as our elder who will be helping us gain indigenous perspectives.
 - We are also excited with the possibility of including Metis guests and presenters on that day.
 - Students will be making a [heart garden](#)
 - We are seeking to bring in Cree performers called the [Warrior Women](#) who will perform and lead some workshops for students during the day.

Action:

While the date for the above event is still being finalized, School Council may want to have a member of the executive be a part of Elder Strawberry's welcome. Protocol will be necessary in the form of a gift of tobacco (\$40.00).

If Council agrees, a motion to purchase the gift will be required.

Draft Dress Code

While New Horizons School recognizes that the primary responsibility for a student's attire resides with the student and their parent(s) or guardian(s), New Horizons School is responsible for seeing that student attire does not interfere with the health or safety of any student, that student attire does not contribute to a hostile or intimidating atmosphere for any student, and that dress code enforcement does not reinforce or increase marginalization or oppression of any group based on race, sex, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, religion, cultural observance, household income, or body type/size.

These dress code guidelines shall apply to regular school days, as well as any school-related events and activities, such as graduation ceremonies, dances and other school sponsored events.

Section 1. Basic Principle

New Horizons School expects that all students will dress in a way that is appropriate for the school day or for any school sponsored event. Student dress choices should respect the school's intent to sustain a community that is inclusive of a diverse range of identities.

In order to achieve this, certain body parts must be covered for all students at all times. Clothes must be worn in a way such that genitals, buttocks, breasts, and nipples are fully covered with opaque fabric.

Section 2. Students Must Wear*

While following the basic principle of Section 1 above, *students must wear*

- a shirt (with fabric in the front, back, and on the sides under the arms), **AND**
- pants/jeans or the equivalent (for example, a skirt, sweatpants, leggings, a dress or shorts), **AND**
- *activity or weather appropriate* footwear (socks and slippers are not considered footwear)

**Courses that include attire as part of the curriculum (for example, professionalism, public speaking, and job readiness) may include assignment-specific dress, but should not focus on covering bodies in a particular way or promoting culturally-specific attire.*

Section 3. Students Cannot Wear

Students cannot wear clothing that has

- violent language or images;
- images or language depicting drugs or alcohol (or any illegal item or activity);
- hate speech, profanity, or pornography;
- images or language that creates a hostile or intimidating environment based on any protected class or consistently marginalized groups.;
- any clothing that reveals visible undergarments (visible waistbands and visible straps are allowed);
- swimsuits (except as required in class or athletic practice);
- accessories that could be considered dangerous or could be used as a weapon; **or**
- any item that obscures the face or ears (except as a religious observance).

Section 4. Dress Code Enforcement

To ensure effective and equitable enforcement of this dress code, school staff shall enforce the dress code consistently using the requirements below. School administration and staff shall not have discretion to vary the requirements in ways that lead to discriminatory enforcement.

a) Students in violation of Section 1 and/or 3 will be provided three (3) options to be dressed more to code during the school day:

- Students will be asked to put on their own alternative clothing, if already available at school, to be dressed more to code for the remainder of the day.
- Students will be provided with temporary school clothing to be dressed more to code for the remainder of the day.
- If necessary, students' parents may be called during the school day to bring alternative clothing for the student to wear for the remainder of the day.
- The New Horizons *School Code of Conduct* will be applied to students who refuse to comply to the first two options on this list.

b) No student should be affected by dress code enforcement because of racial identity, sex assigned at birth, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, ethnicity, cultural or religious identity, household income, body size/type, or body maturity.

School staff shall not enforce the school's dress code more strictly against transgender and gender nonconforming students than other students.

- Students should not be shamed or required to display their body in front of others (students, parents, or staff) in school. "Shaming" includes, but is not limited to:
 - kneeling or bending over to check attire fit;
 - measuring straps or skirt length;
 - asking students to account for their attire in the classroom or in hallways in front of others;
 - calling out students in spaces, in hallways, or in classrooms about perceived dress code violations in front of others; in particular, directing students to correct sagged pants that do not expose the entire undergarment, or confronting students about visible bra straps, since visible waistbands and straps on undergarments are permitted; and,
 - accusing students of "distracting" other students with their clothing.

New Horizons School Council Financial Officers Report

May 22, 2018
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Learning Commons, New Horizons School

1. April/May Expenditures

\$29.87 Student Incentives (5P) to A. Panas
Classroom Support

\$60.25 Student Incentives (2K) to A. Kooger
Classroom Support

2. Current Fund Allocation Overview

	2017-2018 Allocation of Funds	Spent Funds	Motioned Funds	Remaining Funds
School Support	\$ 12,250	\$ 533	\$ 1,114	\$ 10,603
Classroom Support	\$ 2,550	\$ 427	\$ 2,123	\$ -
School Enhancement	\$ 36,500	\$ 26,250	\$ -	\$ 10,250
Community Building / Parent Support	\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,100
School Council Administration	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500
GRAND TOTAL:	\$ 52,900.00	\$ 27,210.00	\$ 3,237.14	\$ 22,452.86

3. 2016/2017 Allocation of Funds

4. 2019/2020 Allocation of Funds

Attachment – Blank 2019/2020 Allocation Spreadsheet

New Horizons School Fund Allocation

	2018-2019 Allocation of Funds	Potential Projects, Items & Ideas Identified (Specific Highlighted Items are Under Consideration for the Education Plan)
School Support		
Clubs	2000	Ex. LEGO Mindstorms purchase; Arts & Crafts; Science; Track & Field; Computer, Chess, Maker Cards
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	1500	Teacher Meals; Interviews; Staff Appreciation Week; Bereavement; Staff Awards
Academic Support	5000	Ex. 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	11500	
Classroom Support	\$ 4,500	
Recess Equipment	1500	General Fund for the Entire School (including equipment storage)
Classroom Incentives	3000	Student Based Funding at Teacher Discretion (Ex. reward items, special speaker, special field trip, fun activities) (\$8 per student allocated plus \$100 additional for French, \$100 additional for music)
Total	4500	
School Enhancement	\$ 5,000	
Sports Equipment	0	
Technology	0	
Major Projects	5000	To be determined
Total	5000	
Community Building / Parent Support	\$ 5,600	
Guest Speakers	5000	Gifted Education Conference
Team/Community Building	200	Ex. Movie Night; BBQ; Dance; Family Game Night; Potluck; Paint Night, Giving Back Campaign, parent info and orientation night
Public Relations/Hospitality	400	Ex. School Based Celebrations; Festival of Trees, Science Fair (after hours); Wellness Fair (open to public)
Total	5600	
School Council Administration	\$ 500	
General Admin Expenses	100	
Babysitting	400	
Total	500	
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GRAND TOTAL: \$	27,100.00	