

New Horizons School Council Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2020
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Webex Meeting

Attendees: Elizabeth Macve, Sandra Dargis, Sarah-Jane Lovgren, Sarah MacDonald, Ted Zarowny, Brianne Davio, Kristi Gignac, Shaun Wilde

1. Call to order 7:01 pm

2. Statement of Territorial Acknowledgement

The School Council of the New Horizons Charter School respectfully acknowledges that the land on which we meet is Treaty 6 territory, a traditional home, gathering place, a travelling route for diverse Indigenous Peoples, including Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota, Sioux, as well as the homeland of the Metis Nation. We recognize our responsibility as Treaty members and honour the heritage and gifts of the First Peoples of this land.

3. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Sarah-Jane Lovgren moved to adopt the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Sarah MacDonald. Motion Carried.

4. Approval of Minutes

April 8, 2020

MOTION: Sandra Dargis moved to approve the Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2020. Seconded by Sarah-Jane Lovgren. Motion Carried.

5. Reports

- 5.1 Chair's report -- None
- 5.2 Principal's report -- See Attached
- 5.3 Financial Officer's report -- See Attached
- 5.4 FANHS' report -- None
- 5.5 Communication Officer's report -- None

6. Motion to Accept Reports

MOTION: Sarah-Jane Lovgren moved to receive the reports as presented. Seconded by Sandra Dargis. Motion Carried.

New Business

- 7.1 Playground committee update
 - Aiming for a summer build.
 - CFEP 50/50 matching grant being applied for.
 - Had a meeting with Elk Island Catholic and County to discuss sand.

7.2 School Traffic Safety Partnership (STSP) update

As a reverse sign for entry into parking lot is a traffic flow sign county approval is required.

7.3 For Information - NHS Public Relations Committee Meetings

Sarah-Jane & Elizabeth attending – discussion focused on advocacy plan Ideas.

7.4 Artist in Residence

Approval is requested for an additional \$1000 deposit for Mural Mosaic. A paid deposit is required for grant eligibility for the 2020-21 school year. Total cost will be \$8000 (less than Quest and this price would include all NHS students); booking is available in October with flexibility to move if needed.

MOTION: Sarah-Jane Lovren moved to approve \$1000 from School Support, Classroom Support for Artist in Residence grant deposit. Sandra Dargis. Motion Carried.

*Note: Ted will let teachers know there is no funds for playground equipment for the remainder of this year, and if anyone has pending receipts please let us know right away.

7.5 Staff funding requests.

Postponed to the June meeting.

7.5.5 Prior Drama/Music Funding Request

Postponed to June meeting.

7.6 Prepare 2020-21 Fund Allocation request.

7.6.5 Consider inclusion of Junior High Fundraising Structure/Annual Allocation.

MOTION: Sandra Dargis Moved to send our draft 2020-21 Fund Allocation to FANHS for their approval. Seconded by Sarah-Jane Lovgren. Motion Carried.

7.7 Discuss logistics of online learning from parental and administrative perspectives

7.8 Emergent business - TBD

8. Correspondence

9. Future Meeting Dates:

June 10, 2020 - 7 to 9 pm

10. Adjournment 8:56pm

**New Horizons School Council Fund Allocation
Draft**

For the 2020/2021 School Year as at: May 27, 2020

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	2020-2021 Draft Allocation	Potential Projects, Items & Ideas Identified (Specific Highlighted Items are Under Consideration for the Education Plan)
School Support		
Clubs	\$ 500.00	Ex. Arts & Crafts; Science; Track & Field; Computer, Chess, Maker Carts
Sports & Well Being	\$ 500.00	Ex. Sports Day; School Teams; Mission Impossible; Track 'n Field Competition Day / Healthy School Initiatives - Mindfulness, Health Fair, Yoga Instructor, Back up Lunches
Events	\$ 1,500.00	Ex. Christmas Play &/or Concert; Grade 9 Grad; Talent Show; Art Walk; Winter Carnival/ Cabane a Sucre (Sugar Shack); Kinder Grad; Science Fair
Junior High Events	\$ 1,000.00	Trips, Junior high dances etc
Staff Support	\$ 1,500.00	Teacher Meals; Interviews; Staff Appreciation Week; Bereavement; Staff Awards
Academic Support	\$ 3,500.00	Ex. Artist in Residence, Jr High Drama; Academic Awards Event; "Reach for the Top"; Star Gazer; In-School Concert/ Production; STEM;
Total	\$ 8,500.00	
Classroom Support		
Recess Equipment	\$ 500.00	General Fund for the Entire School
Classroom Incentives	\$ 2,700.00	Student Based Funding at Teacher Discretion (Ex. reward items, special field trip, classroom fun activities/ materials) (\$6 per student allocated)
Total	\$ 3,200.00	
School Enhancement		
Sports Equipment		
Stage equipment	\$ 2,000.00	
Technology		
Major Projects	\$ 44,000.00	Playground
Total	\$ 46,000.00	
Community Building / Parent Support		
Guest Speakers		Guest Speakers
Team/Community Building		Ex. Movie Night; BBQ; Dance; Family Game Night; Potluck; Paint Night, Peanut Scramble; Giving Back Campaign
Public Relations/Hospitality		School Based Celebrations; Festival of Trees, Science Fair (after hours); Parent Orientation Night
Total	\$ -	
School Council Administration		
General Admin Expenses	\$ 50.00	
Babysitting	\$ 50.00	
Total	\$ 100.00	
GRAND TOTAL: \$ 57,800.00		

Principal's Report To School Council

May 6, 2020
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1. Remote Learning Update

Information:

- The transition to remote learning continues to evolve
 - all teachers now feel they can self-manage and use Google Classroom and its accompanying apps., and most teachers are now feeling confident using Google Meet
 - routines have been established and we are now in an increasingly better position to refine delivery
 - participation rates amongst classes and students varies.
- Assessment and Reporting
 - At the K-2 level, teachers will be reporting on student progress using comments.
 - The Grade 3-6 report cards will use modified levels of achievement reporting (Excellent, Proficient, Acceptable, Insufficient Evidence) along with comments.
 - Junior high (Grades 7-9) will use percentages.
 - There will be no final exam.
 - Term III will be worth 10% of the final mark.

2. Re-Entry Update

- As was in the news this evening, re-entry is anticipated in the fall in the form of three possible scenarios
 - classes begin as normal
 - classes begin with restrictions
 - classes remain a on-line
- School Admin is meeting next week to begin planning for each of these potential scenarios

3. Admissions 2020-2021 Report

- Attached

4. Board Surveys

- Annual Board Surveys will be sent to parents over the next few days.

5. Alberta Education Help Line

Alberta Education has instituted a help line and email for parents of students, particularly those with disabilities, during COVID-19 and at-home learning.

The line is 780-422-6548 (toll-free by first dialing 310-0000, followed by the 10-digit phone number) or via email at: studentsupport@gov.ab.ca.

Even with the excellent work being done by teachers and school divisions supporting the learning and inclusion of students with disabilities, we know that the changes in how education is being delivered is affecting students differently. For families of students with disabilities, there may be questions about their child's program now that the traditional delivery process has changed.

Alberta Education has established the help line and email to assist families with their questions and connect them to their boards where appropriate. This could include key members of the school district (teacher, principal, school district leadership, school board) to find collaborative solutions to meeting their child's learning needs at home.

The Parent Help Line will be answered Monday through Friday from 8:15 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Admissions 2020-2021 Report

New Horizons School

Spring, 2020



Admissions 2020-2021 Report

Dates

Admissions Opened: December 10, 2019

Admissions Closed: February 13, 2020

Intake Day: March 6, 2020

How Did Applicants Hear of New Horizons School?

Source	Number	Percentage
Word of Mouth	85	57%
Internet	45	30%
Professional Recommendation	16	11%
Other	2	1%
TOTAL APPLICANTS	148	Not all applications were complete.

Applications

Grade	Number of Fully Completed Applications	Accepted	Percentage
Kindergarten	65	48	74%
Grade 1	18	9	50%
Grade 2	7	2	29%
Grade 3	9	4	44%
Grade 4	7	6	86%
Grade 5	6	4	67%
Grade 6	4	3	75%
Grade 7	7	6	86%
Grade 8	2	2	100%
Grade 9	0	0	
Total	125	84	67%

Students With IQ Tests				
Grade	Number with IQ Test	Percent of total Total Number of Applicants	Number With IQ Test Accepted	Acceptance Rate
Kindergarten	16	25%	14	88%
Grade 1	6	33%	6	100%
Total	34	27%	32	94%

Projected Enrolment 2020-2021	
Grade	Number
Kindergarten	36
Grade 1	44
Grade 2	44
Grade 3	46
Grade 4	45
Grade 5	48
Grade 6	48
Grade 7	43
Grade 8	36
Grade 9	20
Total	410