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**New Humble Community School Association
Minutes from Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2026**

Directors in attendance: Kelsey Huber, Amie Meunier, Kristen Kuhn (Virtual)

Board Advisor: Megan Olynyk

Superintendent: Bill Driedger

Public Attendance

1. Call to Order at 6:32 pm - Kesley Huber
2. Land Acknowledgment - Kelsey Huber
3. Welcome - Kelsey Huber
4. Review and Approval of Agenda - Kelsey Huber

Motion (043-25/26) to approve the agenda as adjusted. - Amie Meunier,
Second, Kristen Kuhn - Carried.

5. Review previous minutes from January 28, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.
6. NHCS Student Recognition - NHCSA
 - a. February - Students demonstrate a strong passion for literacy and a love of reading. These students embody what it means to love reading and learning. They approach literacy with curiosity and enthusiasm, always eager to explore new stories, ideas, and perspectives.
 - b. March - Students demonstrate true passion for mathematics. These students approach numeracy with curiosity, confidence, and a willingness to take on challenges. Whether solving complex problems or exploring new mathematical concepts, they show persistence, critical thinking, and a genuine enjoyment of learning. What makes these students especially deserving of the Numeracy Award is not only their love of mathematics, but also the way they support others in their learning.

7. Staff Recognition - Halea Kohel

- a. February Award: Amanda Schaber steps in to support students with anything they need, with an open mind and willingness to listen. Amanda develops meaningful relationships with students and demonstrates strong leadership both inside and outside of the classroom.
- b. March Award - Sarah Kutstra is known to staff as dependable and confident. She has a positive outlook demonstrated by her willingness to try anything. She leads with great patience and understanding. Sarah builds strong relationships with students, meeting them at their level and supporting their needs.

8. Chair Update - Kelsey Huber

- a. Since our last meeting, we have welcomed Mr. Bill Driedger into his role as Interim Superintendent. We are grateful for how quickly he has settled into his role and look forward to working with him over the next few months.
- b. In the fall, NHCSA submitted our Charter renewal request seeking a 15 year renewal. We are pleased to announce that we have received a 5 year renewal in addition to our capital request for a new site with a new school being approved through the Schools Now program. NHCSA is grateful for the opportunity to continue to operate as a public charter school in Alberta, offering parental choice in education.

9. Administrator's Report - Bill Driedger and Halea Kohel

- a. Nutrition Grant Update with funding now confirmed the program has expanded. Thanks to the staff who have taken on additional roles and duties to help ensure the success of this program.
- b. Kindergarten to Grade Four Numeracy & Literacy Results have been provided to families.
- c. Report Cards will be provided Tuesday March 24, 2026 with student led conferences March 26, 2026.
- d. March Professional Development Day - First Nations Metis Inuit Professional Development.
- e. Educational Fields Trips for multiple grades are scheduled and listed on the

weekly update.

- f. 2026 March Talent Show and Junior High Dessert Theatre each were a great success. Congratulations to the students and staff for their hard work on these incredible events.
- g. NHCS Staff welcomed our new interim Superintendent Mr. Bill Driedger.
- h. Alberta Education Reviews of School Safety, NHCSA's information has been provided to Alberta Education.
- i. 3 Year Education Plan in progress.
- j. With spring break approaching, we are also turning our attention to budgets, staffing and programming for the 2026-2027 school year.

10. Agriculture & Environmental Manager's Report - Samantha Besler

- a. Multiple classroom project collaborations and inquiry have occurred over the past month, examples provided.
- b. Barnyard Improvement - Thank you to Cargill Cares for supporting the installation of a barn floor and BSL Contracting for prioritizing the project to ensure the floor was complete in advance of lambing.
- c. Junior High students have been assisting with special projects and barnyard improvements.
- d. NHCS has welcomed 6 lambs and a new to the school donkey, Jackson. There are two sheep still to lamb.
- e. Over 100 students were able to experience snow shoeing at Mrs. Beslers.

11. Curriculum Coordinator's Report - Carleigh Duiker

- a. NHCS Seed Day for Grades 1-6 was wellness themed, including goal setting, collaborative drawings and many more activities.
- b. Class based nutrition budgets have provided many hands-on learning lessons with connections to where foods come from, healthy eating, and working as a team.
- c. War Amps is unable to schedule presentations at NHCS for this school year and has been tabled for next year.
- d. An extensive list of class and division lessons were shared, focusing on

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experiential, charter and outdoor learning. One highlight was the timing of a large selection of classes that were able to witness a sheep have a lamb.

- e. Professional development day May 15, 2026 has been scheduled with Dr. Bonnie Stelmach. NHCSA has had the privilege of working with Dr. Bonnie has been researching at NHCS over the last four years. The PD will include reviewing the research results and further development of the NHCSA Charter Scope and Sequence.
- f. Ongoing projects: Career Fair, April SEED Day, Hand in Hand Presentation, these projects are planned and carried out with multiple staff either taking the lead or assisting.

12. Parents Society Report - Ileea Auclair

- a. Fundraising update - New Humble Parents Society (NHPS) has partnered with Humble Beginnings Playschool for the Safety Supplies fundraiser. A variety of First Aid and Safety products are available for order. Proceeds will be utilized to support NHCS program initiatives.
- b. The Camerose Casino was a success, thank you to all the volunteers. Proceeds from this fundraiser are anticipated to be determined and shared this May.
- c. March love of reading event Read-a-Thon event has commenced.
- d. This May NHCS students from Kindergarten to Grade 9 will experience the Fit Set Ninja course.
- e. Thank you to NHPS Volunteers, as the school year comes to an end NHPS will share future volunteer opportunities.

13. School Council Report - Miriam Ouellette

- a. Jiu-Jitsu sessions went well and were enjoyed by students.
- b. Continue working on the online safety presentation as well as researching the potential ICE program on Artificial Intelligence Safety.
- c. Alberta School Councils' Association Spring Symposium takes place April 25 & 26, 2026.

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Motion (044-25/26) to cover the expense of School Council President attendance at the ASCA Spring Symposium School Council - Amie Meunier, Second, Kristen Kuhn - Carried.

14. Committees Report

- a. Fundraising and Sponsorship- Megan Olynyk
 - i. 2026 Hand in Hand Humble Roots Fundraiser - event preparations are well underway selling 500 tickets in four minutes. We have reached our sponsorship goal to cover the expenses of the event. The committee consists of multiple members that are contributing to the planning and execution of the event.

- b. Junior High Committee - Amie Meunier
 - i. This is NHCS' second year offering Junior High. The committee is focused on research and investigation to further hands-on experiential learning opportunities for the Junior High program.
 - ii. Recently students attended a NAIT event where they were split into two groups and completed hands-on activities, one group made extension cords and the other built a wood tool carrier.
 - iii. Over the next few months the students will be busy as they trial various opportunities to determine which options are suitable and sustainable for 2026/2027.

15. Treasurer's Report - presented by Megan Olynyk

- a. The February 2026 Quarterly Report shows an operating surplus of \$52,430. This surplus is primarily a result of an increase in funding, including the Nutrition Grant. The board has confirmed that it would like the Superintendent and Administration to prioritize school and classroom needs to reduce the accumulated surplus, and has requested an update at the April meeting.

Motion (045-25/26) to accept the February Treasurer's Report as presented. - Kristen Kuhn, Second, Amie Meunier - Carried.

- b. Board Reimbursements Presented for review and approval.

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Motion (046-25/26) to accept the February Board Reimbursement Reports as presented. - Amie Meunier, Second, Kristen Kuhn - Carried.

- c. Donations - to accept the following donations as presented
 - i. Doug Nicholls - \$500 - donation purpose designated by the donor.
 - ii. Bradco Industries - \$550 - donation purpose designated by the donor.
 - iii. Anonymous - \$50 - donation purpose designated general by the donor.

Motion (047-25/26) to approve the donations as presented. – Kristen Kuhn, Second, Amie Meunier - Carried.

16. Unfinished business

- a. Modular Classroom Project - Megan Olynyk
 - i. No new information to provide, updates will be provided as soon as they are available.
- b. School's Now (formerly SCAP) - Megan Olynyk
 - i. Landowner subdivision application timeframe coming to a close, anticipating information and updated to be provided by Leduc County.
- c. Highway Advocacy- Amie Meunier -
 - i. There has been no new information to share.

17. New Business

- a. NHCSA Credit Card

Motion (048-25/26) to approve the addition of Director Kristen Kuhn to the NHCSA credit card. – Kelsey Huber, Second, Amie Meunier - Carried.

- b. OH&S
 - i. NHCSA recognizes the importance of occupational health and safety within the organization for staff, students and community members.

Motion (049-25/26) to have Mr. Driedger form a school operational committee as required by the OH&S Act focusing on terms of reference. – Kelsey Huber, Second, Kristen Kuhn - Carried.

- c. 2026/2027 Enrollment Adjustment Authorization -

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Motion (050-25/26) to approve the Superintendent to have the autonomy to make adjustments to 2026/2027 approved classroom capacities, with consultation of the board. – Kelsey Huber, Second, Kristen Kuhn - Carried.

18. Ratification of Electronic Motions Passed

Motion- I would like to make the motion to approve the January Meeting Minutes as presented. January 28, 2026

19. Questions Open Floor (10 min)

- a. School based Archery Program (NASP), which includes tournaments, has been very positive and rewarding for both students and staff. - Samantha Besler

20. Closing remarks (2 min)

21. Adjournment 8:02pm - Next Meeting April 22, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Signature:

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelsey Huber." The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.