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**New Humble Community School Association
Minutes from Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 20, 2026**

Directors in attendance: Kelsey Huber, Amie Meunier, Kristen Kuhn

Board Advisor: Megan Olynyk

Superintendent: Bill Driedger

Public Attendance

1. Call to Order at 6:42 pm - Amie Meunier
2. Land Acknowledgment - Amie Meunier
3. Welcome - Amie Meunier
4. Review and Approval of Agenda - Amie Meunier

Motion (62-25/26) to approve the agenda as adjusted. - Kelsey Huber,
Second, Kristen Kuhn - Carried.

5. Review previous minutes from April 22, 2026 Regular Board Meeting.
6. NHCS Student Recognition - NHCSA

Students demonstrate a strong passion for nutrition and wellness along with a commitment to personal wellness and positive lifestyle choices. The students exhibit healthy habits and the connection between fitness, nutrition and mental health supporting overall success and well being.

7. Staff Recognition - Bill Driedger & Amanda Clark

Nutrition Program support Sous Chef Michelle Menjavar joined the program without hesitation. From navigating new grants and classroom unpredictability to managing restaurant sized volumes of food, she handled it with remarkable ease, precision and calmness. Michelle is thoughtful, dependable, and genuinely wonderful to work with. The level of care she has for the children is evident in everything she does.

8. Chair Update - Amie Meunier

NHCSA continues to work on the capital plan, three year education plan and 2026/2027 budget. Thank you to Mr. Driedger for the effort and work on these items.

9. Superintendents Report - Bill Driedger and Amanda Clark

- a. Enrolment Projections - 181 grade 1-9 intent to return forms completed, 34 new registrations including 25 Kindergarten. At this time we are projecting 215 students for next year. Almost every K-6 grade has a waitlist and NHCS continues to accept registrations for Junior High.
- b. Education Plan - The three year education plan is complete. Adjustments to this year's plans include streamlining the outcomes to be easier to articulate and move forward. The plan includes charter goals and outcomes, as well as a table to overlap the charter goals with the Alberta Education and Childcare outcomes. The deadline for submission has been extended to June 17, 2026.
- c. Surveys - Parent surveys will be sent tomorrow. The surveys follow the same format and questions as previous years to have consistency year over year. Student surveys will be administered next week. An observation that NHCS students are involved in many levels of the organization, including decision making, it is evident the value NHCS places on input from students.
- d. Calendar - the remainder of the school year event calendar is very full, please keep an eye on all of the events and activities occurring to the remainder of the year.
- e. Fundraising Funding Request - A request for approval of forty thousand dollars from fundraising revenue to support the replacement of the two graineries storage sheds and school wide chop saw tools. Replacing the sheds that were past the end of life when they arrived to support programming needs for dry storage, creating space in other areas, a functional and professional barnyard, which is the heart of the school and charter. Thank you to Ms. Akkermans for the chop saw proposal. Replacement of the sheds will provide opportunity to utilize them at the next site or if not required for the new location they will retain resale value.

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Motion (63-25/26) to approve a budget of \$40,000 for the shed replacement and chomp saw purchase from fundraising revenue. -
Kristen Kuhn, Second, Kelsey Huber - Carried.

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

- a. StarWest Bull Wildfire has returned for heifer breeding. A blood test will be performed in a few weeks to ensure they have been bred.
- b. Grade one with their grade nine partners completed measurement activities in the barnyard.
- c. Grade five class explored beef and pig organs.
- d. Kindergarten class discussed sheep and by products, had a scavenger hunt and experimented with the new camera microscopes.
- e. Grade three soil my undies project underway.
- f. Grade four, "pooper scoopers", manure team continue to rotate the manure and are excited to see how the fertilizer turns out.
- g. Grade four pig discussions after the arrival of the pigs. The pigs will remain at NHCS longer than originally planned, they will be butchered in early July.
- h. Broiler chicks had a higher loss rate than usual. They will be transported to the Calgary area for processing as there are no local processing facilities. The lack of local processing facilities may require an adjustment to the Broiler program frequency next year.
- i. Diseased trees have been removed and the stumps will be ground.
- j. Grade sevens have started the pizza crop plot.
- k. Grade nines have been observing the different birds in the barnyard for their projects.
- l. Drayton Valley Oil Country Classic show with students and the heifers went very well, the students and animals were all well behaved. Thank you for the support from the school to attend the event and showcase NHCS.

11. Parents Society Report - No Report

12. School Council Report - Miriam Ouellette

- a. Online safety events were well received by students, parents and staff.
- b. ASCA Symposium focused on school council governance, communication, parent engagement, student voice and long term planning. Moving forward, the school council is exploring a structured one-year plan.
- c. 2026 Fund for Mental Health FCC NHCS School Council is looking to apply.

13. Committees Report

- a. Charter Development - Kelsey Huber
 - i. The committee will strike in June to review feedback from teachers on the scope and sequence. This will include reviewing the current status and opportunities for improvement, program and classroom specific opportunities as well as the barnyard. Information will be provided to parents on opportunity to join the committee.

14. Treasurer's Report - presented by Megan Olynyk

- a. NHCSA financial updates will be provided with the next quarterly report.
- b. Donation - to accept the following donations as presented.
 - i. Mr. & Mrs. McMann - \$1000.00 - general donation.

Motion (64-25/26) to approve the donations as presented. - Kristen Kuhn,
Second, Kelsey Huber - Carried.

15. Unfinished business

- a. School's Now - Megan Olynyk
 - i. Work continues on the Schools Now Building Project including site studies for the potential school site, meetings with Leduc County, Alberta Infrastructure and Alberta Education. Moving forward information on advocacy and support will be provided as the next steps are determined.
 - ii. Strategic Plan Priorities
 - 1. Charter Mandate
 - a. Scope & Sequence
 - b. Division Specific Charter Implementation

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- c. Charter Assurance Process
- 2. Fiscal Viability
 - a. Use of Fundraised Revenue
 - b. Support for Administrative and Operations, Projects
 - c. Advocacy - Administrative Grant, Minimum Reserves
- 3. School and Student Success
 - a. Retention - Staff/Board
 - b. PD as Per Survey Feedback
 - c. Recognition - Student, Staff, Volunteers, Board
 - d. Assurance Measures - Charter, Alberta Education and Childcare
 - e. Program Expansion - High School
 - f. Student Enrolment Growth & Decline
- 4. Continuous Improvement
 - a. Communication
 - b. Systems and Processes
 - c. Governance and Administration
- 5. Research Informed Practices
 - a. Share Dr. Stelmach Results - Request PD Support
 - b. Quality and Vetted Learning in Action NHCS Resources
 - c. New Research 26/27 +

Motion (65-25/26) to approve the strategic plan priorities as listed.

-Kelsey Huber, Second, Kristen Kuhn - Carried.

16. New Business

- a. Three Year Education Plan - confirm included on June 17, 2026 Regular Board Meeting for review and approval.

17. Ratification of Electronic Motions Passed

- a. Motion: I will make a motion to approve the April meeting minutes as presented. April 30, 2026

18. Questions Open Floor

- a. Discussion on the success and collaboration of the staff and other stakeholders following multiple changes mid year. Demonstrating to students the supportive and collaborative nature of the team. Reflecting on the year it has been an incredible year for students and the upcoming months will continue to add to what has been a great year.

19. Closing remarks - Amie Meunier

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a. Thank you all for your time and attending today's meetings.

20. Adjournment 7:35 pm - Next Meeting June 17, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Signature:



Date: June 17, 2026