

NEW HORIZONS CHARTER SCHOOL SOCIETY
MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Board

Date: November 25, 2020

Initials: Chair _____

Approved: FINAL

Recorded By: A. DeJong

Secretary _____

November 25, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present at Call to Order:

Dan Hanson
CHAIR

Jason Clarke
VICE CHAIR

Vincent Tong
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Chris Burrows
DIRECTOR

Ijeoma Ukiwe
DIRECTOR

Administration Present:

Dean Lindquist
SUPERINTENDENT

Patti Dundas
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Ted Zarowny
PRINCIPAL

Members Present:

Jeffrey Blanchard

Tammie Cretney

Kandace Graham

Elizabeth Macve

Angela DeJong

Stephen Abioye

Julie Szweda (non-member)

Sarah Irving (non-member)

Sarah-Jane Lovgren (non-member)

Katrina Russell (non-member)

1. Call to Order

Superintendent Lindquist called the virtual meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and made opening remarks.

2. Statement of Territorial Acknowledgment

The Board of Directors of the New Horizons Charter School Society respectfully acknowledges that the land on which we meet is Treaty 6 territory, a traditional home, gathering place, and travelling route for diverse Indigenous Peoples, including Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota, and Sioux, as well as the homeland of the Métis 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

The following additions were made to the agenda:

- 11 – Receipt of Reports

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Motion 2020-11-25-01 Moved that the agenda for the Board Meeting of November 25, 2020 be adopted as amended.

*Moved: Director Burrows
Seconded: Secretary-Treasurer Tong
Carried*

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:
None

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Minutes of October 7, 2020

Motion 2020-11-25-02 Moved that the Board Meeting minutes of October 7, 2020 be approved as presented.

*Moved: Vice Chair Clarke
Seconded: Director Burrows
Carried*

6. Administration Reports

6.1 Principal's Report

Principal Zarowny provided a brief oral report relating to recent changes to COVID-19 protocols and requirements. Discussion followed.

Board members discussed the winter break and the impact of adjusting the school calendar.

6.2 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lindquist spoke to the school's single confirmed case of COVID-19 and to the Charter School Superintendents Meeting with the Deputy Minister. Discussion followed.

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7. Board Reports

7.1 Board Chair's Report

Chair Hanson indicated that there are two vacancies on the Board and invited attending parents to consider joining.

7.2 Other Committee Reports

Policy Committee

Vice Chair Clarke indicated that the committee has met regarding the bylaw amendment and will be meeting to address numerous points and policy review. Individuals were invited to join and participate with the committee.

Survey Committee

No report.

Finance and Audit Committee

Secretary-Treasurer Tong indicated that the committee met to go over the audited financial statements.

Public Relations

Chair Hanson indicated that the committee will be meeting in the new year to continue discussion and development of the advocacy plan.

Personnel

Chair Hanson indicated that negotiation meetings with the ATA have been rescheduled to early February, 2021.

8. New Business

8.1 Approve Audited Financial Statement Year Ending August 31, 2020

The audited financial statements were approved at the AGM held on November 25, 2020.

8.2 Fall Budget Update 2020-21

Secretary-Treasurer Dundas spoke to the fall budget update as included in the agenda package. Discussion followed.

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8.3 Combined Annual Education Results Report for 2019-20 and Three Year Education Plan for 2020-21 to 2022-23

Principal Zarowny spoke to the combined Annual Education Results Report for 2019-20 and Three Year Education Plan for 2020-21 to 2022-23 and highlighted where changes have occurred. Discussion followed.

Motion 2020-11-25-03 Moved that the Combined Annual Education Results Report for 2019-20 and Three Year Education Plan for 2020-21 to 2022-23 be approved as presented for posting and submission to Alberta Education.

Moved: Director Burrows

Seconded: Secretary-Treasurer Tong

Carried

8.4 Service on Board Committees

Chair Hanson indicated that there are vacancies on the Board of Directors and on Committees allowing Society members to participate. Members are invited to contact Chair Hanson for more information. Discussion followed.

8.5 School Council Report

School Council Chair Elizabeth Macve provided an update on School Council activities to date in 2020-21. Discussion followed.

8.6 Stakeholder Forum

Superintendent Lindquist spoke to the annual stakeholder forum. Discussion followed related to hosting the forum in a virtual setting. Topic to be included on the December 16, 2020 agenda.

8.7 NHS Research Request

Superintendent Lindquist spoke to a research request as included in the agenda package. Discussion followed.

8.8 2021-22 Modular Program Request

Secretary-Treasurer Dundas spoke to the 2021-22 Modular Program Request, as included in the agenda package. Discussion followed.

9. Board Work Plan

The Board reviewed the Work Plan for 2020-21, as included the agenda package.

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10. The Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools (TAAPCS)

10.1 Report on Annual General Meeting

Chair Hanson spoke to the virtual Annual General Meeting held on October 24, 2020. NHCSS representatives were: Chair Hanson, Superintendent Lindquist, Secretary-Treasurer Dundas and Vice Chair Clarke.

10.2 TAAPCS Board of Governors' Award

(incorrectly cited as Halvar Johnson Award on Agenda)

Chair Hanson and Vice Chair Clarke were honoured to present the *TAAPCS Board of Governors' Award* to former NHS Superintendent Don Falk at the TAAPCS Annual General Meeting.

11. Receipt of Reports

Motion 2020-11-25-04 Moved that all reports be received as presented during the meeting.

Moved: Vice Chair Clarke

Seconded: Director Burrows

Carried

12. Correspondence Sent

None

13. Correspondence Received

13.1 CFEP Playground Grant

13.2 Email notice Modular Classroom Program 2021-22

13.3 Email notice of Release of Guide to Education 2020-21

13.4 Email notice of Curriculum Renewal Update

13.5 TAAPCS Letter to Deputy Minister

14. In Camera

Motion 2020-11-25-05 Moved that the meeting move in camera at 9:43 p.m.

Moved: Director Burrows

Seconded: Secretary-Treasurer Tong

Carried

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Motion to Move Out of Camera:

Motion 2020-11-25-06 Moved that the meeting move out of camera at 9:46 p.m.

Moved: Director Ukiwe

Seconded: Secretary-Treasurer Tong

Carried

15. New Business (con't)

15.1 Matters Arising from In Camera Meeting

Motion 2020-11-25-07 Moved that the contract of employment for the following employees be ratified:

- Employee #0317*
- Employee #0310*

Moved: Director Burrows

Seconded: Secretary-Treasurer Tong

Carried

16. Adjournment

Chair Hanson adjourned the meeting at 9:48 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: December 16, 2020