

NEW HORIZONS CHARTER SCHOOL SOCIETY
MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Board

Date: January 20, 2021

Initials: Chair _____

Approved: FINAL

Recorded By: A. DeJong

Secretary _____

January 20, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present at Call to Order:

Dan Hanson
CHAIR

Vincent Tong
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Michelle Smith
DIRECTOR

Chris Burrows
DIRECTOR

Administration Present:

Dean Lindquist
SUPERINTENDENT

Patti Dundas
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Ted Zarowny
PRINCIPAL

Members Present:

Elizabeth Macve

Anita Sanderson

Jeffrey Blanchard

1. Call to Order

Chair Hanson called the virtual meeting to order at 7:03 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

Motion 2021-01-20-01 Moved that the agenda for the Board Meeting of January 20, 2021 be adopted as amended.

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

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4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

None

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Minutes of December 16, 2020

Motion 2021-01-20-02 Moved that the Board Meeting minutes of December 16, 2020 be approved as presented.

Moved: Director Burrows

Seconded: Secretary-Treasurer Tong

Carried

6. Administration Reports

6.1 Principal's Report

Principal Zarowny provided a brief report relating to return to class after the holiday break and admissions. Admissions are still open. Currently the school has received 113 applications, about half of these are for kindergarten. The virtual open house was held in early January and was well attended. Discussion followed.

6.2 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lindquist spoke to updates in the re-entry plan and the capital plan request for two modular classrooms, as included in the agenda package. Administration continues to monitor health and safety measures on a regular basis. AHS has released new verbiage for cases of COVID within schools. There is no response from Alberta Education yet regarding the request for modular classrooms; this is concerning as another classroom is required for the 2021-22 school year. Follow-up from the Public Relations committee may be needed over the coming weeks. Discussion followed.

Action: Superintendent Lindquist will draft a letter to the Education Minister regarding the need for modular classrooms and will forward to the Board for input.

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7. Board Reports

7.1 Board Chair's Report

Chair Hanson made welcoming remarks to attendees and asked for committee reports.

7.2 Other Committee Reports

Policy Committee

No report.

Survey Committee

No report.

Finance and Audit Committee

Committee Chair Secretary-Treasurer Tong indicated that the committee met to discuss the quarterly financial report, included for discussion on this agenda.

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 Quarterly Financial Report (First Quarter)

Secretary-Treasurer Tong presented the quarterly financial report for the first quarter, as included in the agenda package. Discussion followed regarding the report and current reserves.

Action: Secretary-Treasurer Dundas will prepare and present a detailed report regarding current reserves at the Board Retreat on March 20, 2021.

8.2 Draft School Calendar for 2021-22

Superintendent Lindquist spoke to the draft school calendar for 2021-22, as included in the agenda package. Discussion followed.

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Motion 2021-01-20-03 Moved that the draft school calendar for 2021-22 be approved in principle and presented to School Council and school staff for discussion. Final approval to occur at the February 17, 2021 board meeting.

Moved: Secretary-Treasurer Tong

Seconded: Director Burrows

Carried

8.3 Stakeholder Forum Planning

Superintendent Lindquist spoke to planning for the Stakeholder Forum, as included in the agenda package. Discussion followed.

8.4 Review of Board Policy #210 and Student Code of Conduct

Superintendent Lindquist spoke to the required annual review of Policy #210 and the Student Code of Conduct, as included in the agenda package. Discussion followed.

Motion 2021-01-20-04 Moved that the Board affirms that Policy 210 was reviewed and that the Board confirms compliance with the requirements of the Education Act.

Moved: Secretary Treasurer Tong

Seconded: Director Smith

Carried

Motion 2021-01-20-05 Moved that the Board affirms that the Student Code of Conduct was reviewed and that the Board confirms compliance with the requirements of the Education Act.

Moved: Director Burrows

Seconded: Secretary-Treasurer Tong

Carried

9. Board Work Plan

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

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

No report.

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11. Receipt of Reports

Motion 2021-01-20-06 Moved that all reports be received as presented during the meeting.

Moved: Director Burrows

Seconded: Director Smith

Carried

12. Correspondence Sent

Vice Chair Clarke joined the meeting.

13. Correspondence Received

- 13.1 Letter from TAAPCS for Minister LaGrange
- 13.2 Deputy Minister Email – In Person Learning Resumes
- 13.3 TAAPCS Email – Relaunch Meeting
- 13.4 Proposed Resolution – Achieving Universal Public Education
- 13.5 Proposed Resolution – Addressing Barriers to Student Centered Education
- 13.6 Proposed Resolution – Equal Opportunity of Access to all Public Schools
- 13.7 Proposed Resolution – Financial and Government Accountability in AB Education
- 13.8 Proposed Resolution – Respect for ASCA's Bylaws, Values and Members_rescind
- 13.9 Update to COVID-19 Case Reporting Language in Alberta Schools

14. In Camera

No in camera meeting.

15. New Business (con't)

15.1 Matters Arising from In Camera Meeting

No report.

Chair Hanson opened the floor to parent participants for questions and comments. Discussion followed regarding COVID-19 the close contact notification process.

16. Adjournment

Chair Hanson adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: February 17, 2021