

NEW HORIZONS CHARTER SCHOOL SOCIETY
MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Board

Date: February 17, 2021

Initials: Chair _____

Approved: FINAL

Recorded By: A. DeJong

Secretary _____

February 17, 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:

Sarah Jane Lovgren

Elizabeth Macve

Shaun Guthrie

1. Call to Order

Chair Hanson called the virtual meeting to order at 7:04 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 2021-02-17-01 Moved that the agenda for the Board Meeting of February 17, 2021 be adopted as presented.

*Moved: Director Burrows
Seconded: Director Smith
Carried*

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4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

None

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Minutes of January 20, 2021

Motion 2021-02-17-02 Moved that the Board Meeting minutes of January 20, 2021 be approved as presented.

*Moved: Director Smith
Seconded: Director Burrows
Carried*

6. Administration Reports

6.1 Principal's Report

Principal Zarowny indicated that his report relates to an update on the Education Plan, included later in the agenda.

Director Ukiwe joined the meeting.

6.2 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lindquist that his report is included in the agenda package and in the interest of time can be read individually. Questions can be directed to Superintendent Lindquist.

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.

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Survey Committee

Director Burrows indicated that the stakeholder forum was well attended and quite successful. More information will be provided at a later date.

Finance and Audit Committee

No report.

Public Relations

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

Personnel

Chair Hanson indicated that negotiation meetings with the ATA began on February 8, 2021.

8. New Business

8.1 Progress Report on Education Plan

Principal Zarowny provided a progress report on the Education Plan, included with the agenda package. He summarized the goals and outcomes included in the Education Plan along with the related strategies to meet those goals.

8.2 Draft School Calendar for 2021-22

Superintendent Lindquist spoke to a proposed change to the draft school calendar for 2021-22, previously approved in principle, as included in the agenda package. Discussion followed.

Motion 2021-02-17-03 Moved that the Board approve the calendar with the proposed staff change to the calendar that was approved in principle at the January 20, 2021 Board meeting as the school year calendar for the 2021-22 school year.

*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.

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

Chair Hanson indicated that meetings between the Education Minister and charter schools have been scheduled for March 9 for the southern part of the province and March 22 for the northern part of the province. A separate meeting to discuss NHS needs will also be requested.

11. Receipt of Reports

Motion 2021-02-17-04 Moved that all reports be received as presented during the meeting.

*Moved: Director Ukiwe
Seconded: Director Burrows
Carried*

12. Correspondence Sent

- 12.1 Letter to Minister of Education re: Modular Classrooms
- 12.2 SLS Funding for TAAPCS Information to Government

13. Correspondence Received

- 13.1 Minister of Education Bylaw Changes Approval
- 13.2 New Education Deputy Minister email

Chair Hanson invited guest attendees to make comments or ask questions. Brief discussion followed.

14. Motion to Move In Camera

Motion 2021-02-17-05 Moved that the meeting move in camera at 7:46 p.m.

*Moved: Director Burrows
Seconded: Director Smith
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Motion to Move Out of Camera:

Motion 2021-02-17-06 Moved that the meeting move out of camera at 8:04 p.m.

Moved: Secretary-Treasurer Tong

Seconded: Director Burrows

Carried

15. New Business (con't)

15.1 Matters Arising from In Camera Meeting

Motion 2021-02-17-07 Moved that the mutually agreed unpaid sick leave related to family illness for the following employees be extended to June 30, 2021:

- *Employee #0129*

Moved: Secretary Treasurer Tong

Seconded: Director Burrows

Carried

Motion 2021-02-17-08 Moved that the Board of Directors ratify the Collective Agreement as negotiated between the personnel committee and the ATA Local.

Moved: Director Burrows

Seconded: Secretary Treasurer Tong

Carried

16. Adjournment

Chair Hanson adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: March 24, 2021