

NEW HORIZONS CHARTER SCHOOL SOCIETY
MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Board

Date: March 24, 2021

Initials: Chair _____

Approved: FINAL

Recorded By: A. DeJong

Secretary _____

March 24, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present at Call to Order:

Dan Hanson
CHAIR

Vincent Tong
BOARD SECRETARY AND
TREASURER

Ijeoma Ukiwe
DIRECTOR

Chris Burrows
DIRECTOR

Administration Present:

Dean Lindquist
SUPERINTENDENT

Patti Dundas
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Ted Zarowny
PRINCIPAL

Members Present:

Kristi Gignac

Elizabeth Macve

Shaun Guthrie

1. Call to Order

Chair Hanson called the virtual meeting to order at 7:01 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 2021-03-24-01 Moved that the agenda for the Board Meeting of March 24, 2021 be adopted as presented.

*Moved: Director Burrows
Seconded: Director Ukiwe
Carried*

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4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

None

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Minutes of February 17, 2021

Motion 2021-03-24-02 Moved that the Board Meeting minutes of February 17, 2021 be approved as presented.

Moved: Board Secretary and Treasurer Tong

Seconded: Director Burrows

Carried

6. Administration Reports

6.1 Principal's Report

No report.

6.2 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lindquist spoke to the COVID-19 Re-entry Plan, School Capital Projects, Charter School SLS Grant Review and provided a brief update on the Stakeholder Survey, as included in the agenda package. Administration is beginning to consider re-entry for the 2021-22 school year though provincial guidelines and restrictions will need to be understood before plans can be finalized.

7. Board Reports

7.1 Board Chair's Report

Chair Hanson indicated that charter school representatives recently met with Education Minister Adriana LaGrange. Participants were able to converse and ask questions. NHS' urgent need for additional modular classrooms was highlighted. The Board held the Board Retreat on March 20 and it was a very successful and productive event.

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7.2 Other Committee Reports

Policy Committee

No report.

Survey Committee

No report.

Finance and Audit Committee

No report.

Public Relations

Chair Hanson indicated that the committee continues discussion and development of the advocacy plan.

Personnel

Chair Hanson indicated that meetings are scheduled after spring break.

8. New Business

8.1 Three Year Capital Plan 2022/23-24/25

Superintendent Lindquist summarized the three year capital plan, as included in the agenda package. 2021-22 will see the completion of two classes at each grade level. Planning for the addition of a high school has begun and will be space dependent. Potentially, the ECDT space could become high school space with the addition of a gymnasium.

Motion 2021-03-24-03 Moved that the Board approve the Three Year Capital Plan 2022/23-24/25 as presented in the agenda package for submission to Alberta Education.

Moved: Director Burrows

Seconded: Board Secretary and 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)

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Chair Hanson indicated that Charter School representatives met with the Education Minister on March 22, 2021. Conversations are ongoing regarding SLS Funding and space requirements. General discussion regarding funding ensued; Superintendent Lindquist provided an explanation of the funding formula and how it currently differs between charter and public/separate schools.

11. Receipt of Reports

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

Moved: Director Burrows

Seconded: Board Secretary and Treasurer Tong

Carried

12. Correspondence Sent

13. Correspondence Received

13.1 EDC Charter School Handbook

13.2 Requirements to School Authority Planning and Reporting

13.3 Literacy Program to Address COVID-19 Learning Loss

Chair Hanson invited guest attendees to make comments or ask questions. Brief discussion regarding the formation of a high school and potential parking challenges followed.

14. Motion to Move In Camera

Motion 2021-03-24-05 Moved that the meeting move in camera at 7:56 p.m.

Moved: Director Burrows

Seconded: Board Secretary and Treasurer Tong

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Motion to Move Out of Camera:

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Motion 2021-03-24-06 Moved that the meeting move out of camera at 7:59 p.m.

Moved: Director Ukiwe

Seconded: Director Burrows

Carried

15. New Business (con't)

15.1 Matters Arising from In Camera Meeting

Motion 2021-03-24-07 Moved that the Board of Directors ratify the employment contract for the following:

- *Employee #0318*

Moved: Board Secretary and Treasurer Tong

Seconded: Director Ukiwe

Carried

16. Adjournment

Chair Hanson adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: April 21, 2021