

# Board of Directors Board Meeting Agenda Package

October 6, 2021

#### **AGENDA**

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"TOWARDS NEW HORIZONS"

Is it in the best interest of our students?

Does it support excellence?

#### NEW HORIZONS CHARTER SCHOOL SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING OCTOBER 6, 2021

# (Immediately following conclusion of the SGM) AGENDA

Vision: New Horizons School will enable gifted students to strive for excellence in a positive academic learning environment that fosters social and emotional support for each student.

1. Call to Order D. Hanson 7:35 pm

2. Statement of Territorial Acknowledgment D. Hanson 7:36 pm

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, a travelling route for diverse Indigenous Peoples, including Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota, 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	D. Hanson	7:37 pm
4.	Disclosure of Conflict of Interest	D. Hanson	7:38 pm
5.	Approval of Minutes 5.1 September 22, 2021 – attachment	D. Hanson	7:39 pm
6.	<ul> <li>Board Organization</li> <li>6.1 Selection of Officers – attachment</li> <li>6.2 Set Regular Meeting Dates (motion required)</li> <li>6.3 Board Committees – attachment</li> <li>6.4 Signing Authorities (motion required; Secretary-Treasurer Dundas will speak to this item at the Board meeting)</li> </ul>	D. Lindquist Board Chair Board Chair P. Dundas	7:40 pm
7.	Administration Reports 7.1 Principal's Report – 7.2 Secretary Treasurer's Report – 7.3 Superintendent's Report –	T. Zarowny) P. Dundas D. Lindquist	8:10 pm

**New Business** 

8.

8:25 pm

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	<ul> <li>8.1 Set date for November 2021 Annual General Meeting</li> <li>8.2 Board Orientation Session(s) – attachment</li> <li>8.3 Receive September 30, 2020 Enrollment Report</li> </ul>	Board Chair D. Lindquist T. Zarowny	
9.	Board Work Plan – attachment	Board Chair	8:50 pm
10.	The Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools 10.1 Annual General Meeting – attachment	Board Chair	8:55 pm
11.	Correspondence Sent	Board Chair	9:00 pm
12.	Correspondence Received	Board Chair	9:05 pm
13.	In Camera	Board Chair	9:10 pm
14.	Adjournment	Board Chair	9:15 pm

Next Board Meeting – To Be Determined

Type of Meeting: Board Date: Sept 22, 2021 Initials: Chair

Approved: DRAFT Recorded By: A. DeJong Secretary

#### September 22, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present at Call to Order:

Dan Hanson Jason Clarke Vincent Tong
CHAIR VICE CHAIR BOARD SECRETARY AND

TREASURER

Chris Burrows Ijeoma Ukiwe Michelle Smith
DIRECTOR DIRECTOR DIRECTOR

Administration Present:

Dean Lindquist Patti Dundas Ted Zarowny
SUPERINTENDENT SECRETARY-TREASURER PRINCIPAL

Members Present:

Kristie Derkson Raena Schindel Sarah-Jane Lovgren

Rhodora Delos Santos Anita Sanderson

#### 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

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Approved: DRAFT Recorded By: A. DeJong Secretary

#### 3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion 2021-09-22-01 Moved that the agenda for the Board Meeting of

September 22, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Moved: Director Burrows Seconded: Director Smith

Carried

Director Ukiwe joined the meeting.

#### 4. Approval of Minutes

#### 4.1 Minutes of June 16, 2021

Motion 2021-09-22-02 Moved that the Board Meeting minutes of June 16, 2021 be

approved as presented.

Moved: Vice Chair Clarke

Seconded: Board Secretary and Treasurer Tong

Carried

#### 4.2 Minutes of August 26, 2021

Motion 2021-09-22-03 Moved that the Special Board Meeting minutes of August

26, 2021 be approved as presented.

Moved: Director Smith
Seconded: Director Burrows

Carried

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Approved: DRAFT Recorded By: A. DeJong Secretary

#### 4.3 Minutes of September 13, 2021

Motion 2021-09-22-04 Moved that the Special Board Meeting minutes of

September 13, 2021 be approved as presented.

Moved: Director Ukiwe Seconded: Vice Chair Clarke

Carried

#### 5. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

None

#### 6. Administration Reports

#### 6.1 Principal's Report

Principal Zarowny indicated that the start of the school year has gone well. Staff and students are happy to be back. Current enrollment is 429 students; for the first time, the school has two classes in each grade level. Extra curricular activities have started and students are very happy to be participating in those activities. Discussion followed.

#### 6.2 Secretary-Treasurer's Report

#### 6.2.1 Update

Secretary Dundas indicated that the interim audit was completed on August 30, 2021 and the full audit commenced on September 20, 2021. The Request for Quote (RFQ) process for the modular project is complete and applicants have been asked to submit a tender, as included in the agenda package.

#### 6.2.2 Auditor

Secretary Dundas indicated that Yaremchuk & Annicchiarico were appointed as auditors for the 2020-21 school year and that we intend to ask for their reappointment for the 2021-22 school year at the upcoming AGM, as included in the agenda package. The interim audit occurred on August 30, 2021 and the complete audit is currently underway.

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#### 6.3 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lindquist spoke to the COVID-19 Re-entry Plan, the start of the school year and the *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*, as included in the agenda package. Discussion followed.

#### 7. Board Reports

#### 7.1 Board Chair's Report

Chair Hanson indicated that the Board has been meeting regularly since the Board Retreat in mid-August.

#### 7.2 Committee Reports

#### **Finance Committee**

No report.

#### **Policy Guidelines and Bylaws Committee**

Committee Chair Clarke is working on a draft work plan for the committee for the coming year.

#### **Survey Committee**

No report.

#### **Public Relations Committee**

Chair Hanson indicated that an update is being prepared to be sent to Minister Glubish and MLA Walker as follow up to the previous meeting.

#### **Personnel Committee**

A meeting is being organized for the near future.

#### 8. New Business

#### 8.1 Board Elections and Fall Series of Meetings

Superintendent Lindquist spoke to the upcoming Board elections and series of Fall meetings, as included in the agenda package. There are four Board of Director positions available for election. Nomination forms will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on October 1, 2021. Discussion followed.

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#### 9. Board Work Plan

#### 9.1 Draft Board Work Plan for 2021-22

Superintendent presented and reviewed the draft Board Work Plan for 2021-22, as included the agenda package. Revisions and changes to the plan are highlighted in red. Discussion followed.

Motion 2021-09-22-05 Moved that the draft Board Work Plan for 2021-22 be

approved as presented.

Moved: Director Smith

Seconded: Board Secretary and Treasurer Tong

Carried

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

Chair Hanson indicated that the AGM is scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 2021. Directors are invited and encouraged to attend. TAAPCS has hired a government relations firms to support the work of TAAPCS, particularly on messaging for key items such as facility concerns and SLS funding.

#### 11. Receipt of Reports

Motion 2021-09-22-06 Moved that all reports be received as presented during the

meeting.

Moved: Vice Chair Clarke Seconded: Director Smith

Carried

#### 12. Correspondence Sent

12.1 Board Bulletin

#### 13. Correspondence Received

13.1 EDC DM Email regarding School Year Plan Update

13.2 TAAPCS AGM

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

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Approved:DRAFTRecorded By:A. DeJongSecretary

#### 14. Adjournment

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

Next Board Meeting: October 6, 2021





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#### **MEMORANDUM**

September 24, 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Dean Lindquist - Superintendent

Re: Selection of Officers

#### **Background:**

The Board of Directors will need to select their table officers for the 2021-22 school year. Society Bylaws (article 6.2.1) indicate that "The Officers of the Society are the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer." Article 6.3 of the Society Bylaws provides a brief role and responsibility statement for each of these positions.

The Board of Directors fill these positions following the election of the directors at the Special General Meeting of the Society. The bylaws state:

#### 6.1.5.3 Appointment of Officers

Within one week following the election, the Board of Directors shall elect a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer from amongst themselves. The results of this election shall be communicated to the Members by written notice within seven (7) days.

For the last number of years, appointment of officers has taken place at the board meeting immediately following the SGM.

#### **Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the Board elect directors to each of the table officer positions.



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#### **MEMORANDUM**

September 28, 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Dean Lindquist - Superintendent

Re: Selection of Board of Directors Meeting Dates

#### **Background:**

Bylaws state that the Board must hold 9 meetings throughout the year (Article 6.1.7.1). The regular monthly meetings are scheduled at the Board Organizational Meeting. Traditionally, the meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month during the school year. However, there are times where board business or other issues arise where the meeting may move back or forward one week.

The suggested schedule of meetings for the 2021-22 school year are:

- November 17, 2021 (Fall break is November 8 12)
- December 15, 2021
- January 19, 2022 (Students return from Winter Break on January 5)
- February 16, 2022 (February 21 is Family Day)
- March 16, 2022 (Spring Break begins March 25)
- April 20, 2022 (April 18 is Easter Monday)
- May 18, 2022 (Long weekend begins May 20)
- June 15, 2022

#### **Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the Board select and approve through resolution monthly meetings for the 2021-22 school year.



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#### **MEMORANDUM**

September 24, 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Dean Lindquist - Superintendent

Re: Board Committees

#### **Background:**

The Board of Directors will need to appoint Directors to serve on the various committees of the Board. The Board of Directors identify the following Standing Committees:

- Audit Committee
- Policies, Guidelines and Bylaws Committee
- Personnel Committee
- Survey Committee
- Public Relations Committee

Board Policy #103 Board Committees identifies rules around committee membership and in some cases, who shall chair the committee (e.g. Audit Committee).

The Society Bylaws enable the Board of Directors to establish Ad Hoc Committees and to hold Committee of the Whole Meetings throughout the year.

Attached with this memorandum is a list of committees and their members for the past three years.

#### **Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the Board appoint directors to each of the committees.

### **Board Officers & Committees**

2020-10-07

Position / Committee			
	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Chair	Nicole Pasemko	Dan Hanson	Dan Hanson
Vice Chair	Dan Hanson	Jason Clarke	Jason Clarke
Secretary	Shari Morin	Shari Morin	Vincent Tong
Treasurer	Vincent Tong	Vincent Tong	Vincent Tong
Audit Committee			
Membership: Board Treasurer			
(must chair); 2 or more Board	Vincent Tong - Chair	Vincent Tong - Chair	Vincent Tong - Chair
members; 2 community members	Chris Burrows	Chris Burrows	Chris Burrows
as specified in Policy	Vicki Nielsen	Phil Brownlee	Phil Brownlee
		Niharika Sreekumar	Niharika Sreekumar
Policies, Guidelines, Bylaws Cmte			
Membership: Unspecified; Board			
member must chair	Jason Clarke - Chair	Jason Clarke - Chair	Jason Clarke - Chair
	Denise Jolley	Dan Hanson	Dan Hanson
	Theresa Nobis	Lisa Tose	
Personnel Committee		Vicky Qualie	
Membership: Board members		·	
only; unspecified number; Board	Nicole Pasemko - Chair	Dan Hanson	Dan Hanson - Chair
Chair must chair	Vincent Tong	Vincent Tong	Vincent Tong
			Chris Burrows
Survey Committee			
Membership: Board members			
konly; unspecified number	Dan Hanson - Chair	Shari Morin - Chair	Chris Burrows
	Shari Morin	Chris Burrows	
Public Relations Committee			
Membership: Unspecified;			
School Council & FANHS to be	Shari Morin - Chair	Dan Hanson - Chair	Dan Hanson
invited to submit representation;	Michelle Macdonald	Jason Clarke	Jason Clarke
Board member must chair	Liam Kelly	Vicky Qualie	Elizabeth Macve
	Stephen Abioye	Elizabeth Macve	Sarah Jane Lovgren
	Andrea Palmer	Sarah Jane Lovgren	



#### **Patti Dundas**

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

October 6, 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Patti Dundas – Secretary Treasurer

Re: Signing Authorities for New Horizons Charter School Society

#### **Background:**

It has been the usual practice of the Board of Directors to confirm and/or appoint signing authorities for the New Horizons Charter School Society at the first board meeting in the fall, immediately following Board elections.

For the 2021-22 school year, at this time, in this context, the following recommendations are presented for the consideration of the Board.

#### **Recommendations:**

The following recommendations are presented for the consideration of the Board of Directors:

- That the following individuals serve as signing authorities for the New Horizons Charter School Society:
  - o 2021-22 (Board Chair)
  - o 2021-22 (Board Treasurer)
  - Dean Lindquist (Superintendent)
  - o Patti Dundas (Secretary-Treasurer)
  - Ted Zarowny (Principal)
- That payments be approved in Plooto or cheques be signed by one Director and one member of Administration

Patti Dundas

# New Horizons School

#### **Dean Lindquist**

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

September 13, 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Dean Lindquist - Superintendent

Re: Superintendent's Report

#### Background:

#### **NHS Re-entry Plan**

Monitoring continues for the NHS COVID-19 Re-entry Plan. AHS has noted one change as of September 27: Alberta Health has also updated the daily symptom screening checklist, which is used by both your staff and families as a self-screening tool before they enter schools. The latest version of the checklist includes a strong recommendation that unvaccinated and partially vaccinated household contacts of COVID-19 positive individuals quarantine for 14 days after an exposure to a COVID case in their household.

One emerging issue is ensuring students attending NHS are symptom free. This has been an issue that appears to be causing some concern due to AHS allowing students to return to school when they are "feeling better" while our re-entry plan requires students and staff to be symptom free. Administration will continue to monitor this emerging issue.

Data as of September 26, 2021:

- 21,307 active cases
- 1063 hospitalizations
  - Aged 5 9 33 hospitalizations
  - Aged 10 19 198 hospitalizations
- 265 currently in ICU's
- 73.8% aged 12+ fully vaccinated
- 83% aged 12+ with at least one vaccine dose

Source: https://www.alberta.ca/stats/covid-19-alberta-statistics.htm

Sincerely,



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#### **MEMORANDUM**

September 28, 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Dean Lindquist - Superintendent

Re: Selection of Date for Society SGM and AGM

#### **Background:**

The New Horizons Charter School Society holds an Annual General Meeting prior to November 30 of each school year. Bylaws state that the Secretary of the Society delivers a notice of the AGM Meeting to each Member at least 21 days before the AGM. The notice shall include the time and location of the meeting and any business requiring a special resolution.

The AGM agenda shall deal with following matters:

- a. approving minutes of the last General Meeting;
- b. presenting the audited financial statements;
- c. approving the appointment of an auditor; and
- d. considering any other matters specified in the meeting notice

The date of the AGM in 2020 was Wednesday, November 25. It is recommended that the date for this year's AGM be set for Wednesday, November 24, 2021.

#### **Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the Board select November 24, 2021 for the date of the NHS AGM.



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#### **MEMORANDUM**

September 28, 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Dean Lindquist - Superintendent

Re: Board Orientation Session(s)

#### **Background:**

The Board of Directors have opted to hold Board Orientation Sessions following some Board of Directors elections.

A Board Orientation Session was not held during the 2019/20 school year due to the individual selected to lead the Board Orientation Session not being available. For the 2020/21 school year a session was not planned.

If the Board of Directors are interested in holding an Orientation Session, administration will seek out a facilitator.

#### **Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1. Determine if the Board of Directors wish to hold a Board Orientation Session.
- 2. If the Board of Directors wish to hold a Board Orientation Session, they should:
  - a. Identify general and or specific governance topics that the Board believes are important for new Directors joining the Board; and
  - b. Select possible dates on which to schedule Board orientation sessions.



#### **Board of Directors – Work Plan for 2021-22**

September	<ul> <li>Adopt Board Work Plan for 2021-22</li> <li>Set date for October Board meeting</li> <li>Receive report on provincial achievement test results (closed meeting)</li> <li>Re-entry Plan Update</li> </ul>	
October	<ul> <li>Complete Board Organizational Actions         <ul> <li>Conduct Special General Meeting; hold Board elections</li> <li>Elect Board executive officers (must be within one week of SGM)</li> <li>Select members for Board standing committees</li> <li>Set dates for Board meetings (motion required)</li> <li>Notify Service Alberta of change in executive officers</li> <li>Identify Board signing authorities</li> <li>Sign Board Member Code of Conduct – Policy #101</li> </ul> </li> <li>Receive Accountability Pillar Results Report for October 2021 (Note: no PAT's written in 2020-21)</li> <li>Attend TAAPCS Annual General Meeting</li> <li>Receive enrolment report for September 30, 2021</li> <li>Conduct initial orientation session for new Board members</li> <li>Submit request to Alberta Education for modular classrooms</li> <li>Set date for NHCS Society Annual General Meeting</li> <li>Create Task Force to investigate establishment of New Horizons High School Program (as per Education Plan)</li> <li>Re-entry Plan Update</li> </ul>	0000000000000000
November	<ul> <li>Conduct AGM of NHCS Society</li> <li>Approve revised budget for 2021-22</li> <li>Approve Annual Education Results Report 2020-21</li> <li>Approve Audited Financial Statement Year Ending Aug 31/21</li> <li>Receive Report #1 from School Council</li> <li>Determine priorities, possible date for Stakeholder Forum</li> <li>Re-entry Plan Update</li> </ul>	10 0
December	<ul> <li>Set date for March Board Planning Retreat</li> <li>Receive Counsellor's Report #1</li> <li>Re-entry Plan Update</li> </ul>	
January	<ul> <li>Receive Quarterly Financial Report for Sep - Nov 2021</li> <li>Review Policy 210 and associated Student Code of Conduct</li> <li>Approve school calendar for 2022-23 in principle</li> <li>Stakeholder Forum - Gather input on possible Education Plan priorities</li> <li>Re-entry Plan Update</li> </ul>	0000

#### **Board Annual Work Plan – Approved September 22, 2021**

February	<ul> <li>Provide final approval of school calendar for 2022-23</li> <li>Prepare breakfast for school staff</li> <li>Receive mid-year progress report on Three-Year Education Plan 2021-24</li> </ul>	0
March	<ul> <li>Board Retreat – Identify priorities for upcoming Education Plan</li> <li>Approve Three-Year Capital Plan for 2022-23 to 2024-25</li> <li>Administer Board-developed Stakeholder Survey</li> <li>Re-entry Plan Update</li> </ul>	
April	<ul> <li>Receive Quarterly Financial Report for Dec 2021 - Feb 2022</li> <li>Re-entry Plan Update</li> </ul>	
May	<ul> <li>Provide approval to Education Plan 2021-22 to 2022-23</li> <li>Attend TAAPCS Spring General Meeting</li> <li>Approve Budget for 2022-23</li> <li>Receive Accountability Pillar Results Report for May 2021</li> <li>Receive Board-developed stakeholder survey results</li> <li>Consider salary adjustment for support staff, senior administration</li> <li>Receive report from FANHS</li> <li>Re-entry Plan Update</li> <li>Receive Counsellor's Report #2</li> </ul>	
June	<ul> <li>Assess Board Work Plan progress for 2021-22</li> <li>Receive Quarterly Financial Report for Mar – May 2022</li> <li>Schedule SGM of NHCS Society (requires 21 days' notice; must be on or before Oct 10)</li> <li>Schedule September 2022 Board meeting</li> <li>Set date for Summer Board Housekeeping Retreat</li> <li>Receive Report #2 from School Council</li> <li>Re-entry Plan Update</li> </ul>	0
Ongoing	<ul> <li>Consider proposals for new or amended Board policies</li> <li>Receive recommendations from Board committees</li> </ul>	
Annually	<ul> <li>Negotiate collective agreement with ATA (as needed)</li> </ul>	
As Needed	<ul><li>Meet with:</li><li>County Council</li><li>MLAs</li></ul>	



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#### **MEMORANDUM**

September 28, 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Dean Lindquist - Superintendent

Re: 2021 TAAPCS Annual General Meeting

#### **Background:**

The Board of Directors will need to determine who will attend the October 23, 2021 TAAPCS Annual General Meeting. The meeting will be held using Zoom and will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. At least one or two directors (including the Chair), the Secretary Treasurer and the Superintendent attend the meeting. However, with the meeting being held by Zoom, all Directors may choose to attend.

#### **Recommendations:**

It is recommended that the Board determine attendance at the TAAPCS AGM.