



# Special Board Meeting

## Agenda Package

November 2, 2021

☞ *New Horizons Charter School Society* ☞

**AGENDA****Type of Meeting:** Board**Date:** November 2, 2021**Page:**1 of 1*"TOWARDS NEW HORIZONS"**Is it in the best interest of our students?**Does it support excellence?*

**NEW HORIZONS CHARTER SCHOOL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' SPECIAL MEETING  
November 2, 2021**

**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.*

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| 1. | <b>Call to Order</b>                           | D. Hanson | 7:30 pm |
| 2. | <b>Statement of Territorial Acknowledgment</b> | D. Hanson | 7:31 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, 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.*

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| 3. | <b>Adoption of Agenda</b>   | D. Hanson    | 7:33 pm |
| 4. | <b>Disclosure of Conflict of Interest</b>                               | D. Hanson    | 7:35 pm |
| 5. | <b>New Business</b>   |              | 7:35 pm |
|    | 5.1 School COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing<br>Administrative Procedure | D. Lindquist |         |
| 6. | <b>Adjournment</b>  | D. Hanson    | 8:15 pm |

**Next Board Meeting – November 17, 2021**



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## **MEMORANDUM**

Date: November 2, 2021

To: Board of Directors

From: Dean Lindquist - Superintendent

Re: Covid-19 Vaccination and Testing Administrative Procedure – Employees, Volunteers, Contractors, Parents, Visitors to the School

### **Background:**

The Ministers of Health and Education sent a joint email requesting boards to adopt proof of vaccinations policies to address rising COVID-19 cases and to increase the health and safety of students and staff in schools. At the October Board of Directors meeting, the Board expressed an interest in seeking a legal opinion on this matter.

We have received legal counsel on this matter and have received advice on what the administrative procedure should address. It is becoming increasingly apparent that there is a duty to support the implementation of an administrative procedure requiring vaccination or ongoing testing to further support protecting students and staff from contracting the COVID-19 virus at school. As an example, there could be implications for Occupational Health and Safety given the Society's requirement to provide for a safe working environment. Furthermore, this additional health and safety measure would decrease the risk of COVID-19 infection in the school.

The Personnel Committee and Policies, Guidelines and Bylaws Committee have also met to discuss this matter. It was determined by these committees to bring this to the Board of Directors at a board meeting on November 2, 2021.

The board is asked to consider the following:

1. Recommend an administrative procedure (AP) requiring proof of vaccination or ongoing negative testing by staff volunteers; and anyone entering the school except students.

The resolution for this recommendation is as follows:

Arising from the unfortunate increasing strain that the COVID-19 pandemic is placing on our education and health care systems, and the recent letter to all School Divisions from the Ministers of Health and Education encouraging mandatory proof of vaccination or negative test policies: Motion to direct Administration to develop, implement (and amend as needed), a COVID-19 Vaccination Status Administrative Procedure. This Administrative Procedure is to apply to all staff, volunteers, contractors, parents, and anyone else, except NHS students, who wish to enter the school. For those not providing proof of being fully vaccinated, regular proof of a COVID-19 negative test will be required.

If the Board determines to proceed with directing Administration to implement an Administrative Procedure, a draft AP will be presented following the completion of the vote.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dean Lindquist", with a stylized, cursive script.

Dean Lindquist