

NEW HORIZONS CHARTER SCHOOL SOCIETY
MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Board

Date: January 19, 2022

Initials: Chair _____

Approved: FINAL

Recorded By: A. DeJong

Secretary _____

January 19, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present at Call to Order:

Dan Hanson
CHAIR

Jason Clarke
VICE CHAIR

Vincent Tong
BOARD SECRETARY AND
TREASURER

Shaun Guthrie
DIRECTOR

Ijeoma Ukiwe
DIRECTOR

Michelle Smith
DIRECTOR

Kristie Derkson
DIRECTOR

Administration Present:

Dean Lindquist
SUPERINTENDENT

Patti Dundas
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Ted Zarowny
PRINCIPAL

Members Present:

Anita Sanderson

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.

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3. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was amended to include:

- 5.2 Minutes of January 16, 2022

Motion 2022-01-19-01 Moved that the agenda for the Board Meeting of January 19, 2022 be adopted as amended.

*Moved: Director Guthrie
Seconded: Board Secretary and Treasurer Tong
Carried*

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Approval of Minutes

Director Ukiwe joined the meeting.

5.1 Minutes of December 15, 2021

Brief discussion regarding procedure for recording votes cast for and against motions during a meeting.

Motion 2022-01-19-02 Moved that the Board Meeting minutes of December 15, 2021 be approved as presented.

*Moved: Director Smith
Seconded: Director Guthrie
Carried*

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5.2 Minutes of January 16, 2022

Motion 2022-01-19-03 Moved that the Special Board Meeting minutes of January 16, 2022 be approved as presented.

*Moved: Director Ukiwe
Seconded: Director Guthrie
Carried*

6. Administration Reports

6.1 Principal's Report

Principal Zarowny provided a brief verbal report and indicated that admissions for 2022-23 opened in December. An information night was held the week of January 10 and 81 applications have been received to date. Discussion followed.

Director Derkson joined the meeting.

6.2 Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Dundas indicated that the modulars have been placed and are being prepared for occupancy. Estimated completion for occupancy is four to six weeks. Discussion followed.

6.3 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lindquist spoke to the COVID-19 Re-entry Plan and summarized the changes approved at the January 16, 2022 Special Board Meeting. There is ongoing discussion regarding the criteria needed to shift a school to at-home learning. CASS has sent a survey seeking feedback on what criteria should be considered when looking at the shift to online learning. Discussion followed.

Director Smith left the meeting.

The SLS review is moving forward. Reviewers are in place and work is expected to begin in early February.

The 2022-23 school year calendar will be deferred to the February meeting pending release of the EIPS 2022-23 calendar (due to transportation usage), as noted in the agenda package.

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8.2 Stakeholder Survey

Principal Zarowny indicated that no changes were made to the survey questions, as shared with the Board prior to the meeting. The committee is bringing four recommendations to the Board for input, as included in the agenda package. Discussion followed.

8.3 First Quarter Financial Report

Board Secretary and Treasurer Tong presented the First Quarter Financial Report, as included in the agenda package. Discussion followed.

Motion 2022-01-19-04 Moved that the Board receive the Quarterly Financial Report for the period ended November 30, 2021 as information.

Moved: Board Secretary and Treasurer Tong

Seconded: Vice Chair Clarke

Carried

8.4 Review Policy 210 and Associated 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 2022-01-19-05 Moved that the Board affirms that Policy 210 was reviewed and that the Board confirms compliance with the requirements of the Education Act.

Moved: Director Guthrie

Seconded: Director Ukiwe

Carried

Motion 2022-01-19-06 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: Vice Chair Clarke

Seconded: Director Guthrie

Carried

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9. Board Work Plan

The Board reviewed the Work Plan for 2021-22, as included in the agenda package.

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

Director Smith provided a brief verbal report prior to leaving the meeting and indicated that this month's meeting is being postponed. Executive Director Picard will be leaving TAAPCS to pursue a superintendent position.

11. Receipt of Reports

Motion 2022-01-19-07 Moved that all reports be received as presented during the meeting.

Moved: Vice Chair Clarke

Seconded: Director Ukiwe

Carried

12. Correspondence Sent

13. Correspondence Received

- 13.1 Minister Update on Resumption of Learning
- 13.2 EDC DM Update on Resumption of Learning
- 13.3 Updated Guidance Document for Managing COVID-19 in Schools
- 13.4 Promotional Campaign for the Explore 2022 – Second Language Program
- 13.5 Update from AHS – Omicron Variant and Outbreak Management Support

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

14. In Camera

No in-camera meeting.

15. Adjournment

Chair Hanson adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: February 16, 2022