

NEW HORIZONS CHARTER SCHOOL SOCIETY  
MINUTES

**Type of Meeting:** Board

**Date:** February 10, 2022

**Initials:**      **Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

**Approved:** FINAL

**Recorded By:** A. DeJong

**Secretary** \_\_\_\_\_

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**February 10, 2022, 7:00 p.m.**

Board Members Present at Call to Order:

Dan Hanson  
CHAIR

Vincent Tong  
BOARD SECRETARY AND  
TREASURER

Shaun Guthrie  
DIRECTOR

Kristie Derkson  
DIRECTOR

Michelle Smith  
DIRECTOR

Ijeoma Ukiwe  
DIRECTOR

Administration Present:

Dean Lindquist  
SUPERINTENDENT

Patti Dundas  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Ted Zarowny  
PRINCIPAL

Lori Vigfusson  
VICE PRINCIPAL

Members Present:

Marisa Araujo

Carrie Belisle

Nelmarie Benade

Jeffrey Blanchard

Amanda Bullion

Chris Burrows

Jessika Campbell

Chyanne Cautley

Mable Chan-Simons

Danielle Clark

Laurell Cleall

Megan Crawford

Brianne Davio

Janice Dinell

Sarah Fairfull

Kim Fehr

Kristi Gignac

Marc Girard

Christine Grabill

Kandace Graham

Darlene Groten

Ellen Hanna

Emily Holden

Julie Jackson

Praveen Kakkan

Anika Kooger

Gail Lacey

Sarah Jane Lovgren

Christa Matichuk

Elizabeth Melnichuk

Scott Neufeld

Meghan Oxley

Vanja Radisavljevic

Katrina Russell

Raena Schindel

David Sinn

Vivian So

Michelle Stephens

Sheri Sutendra

Jason Tose

Catherine Turner

Chijioke Ukiwe

Ebony Wylie

Roopali Yadav

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Hanson called the virtual meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and made opening remarks, summarizing meeting and voting procedures.

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**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 2022-02-10-01 Moved that the agenda for the Board Meeting of February 10, 2022 be adopted as presented.*

*Moved: Director Guthrie  
Seconded: Director Derkson  
Carried*

**4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:**

None

**5. New Business**

**5.1 Government of Alberta Announcement of Changes to Provincially Required School Health and Safety Measures**

Superintendent Lindquist summarized the changes announced by the provincial government to provincially required school health and safety measures and referenced the letter from the Minister of Education, as included in the agenda package. Discussion followed.

**5.2 School COVID-19 Re-entry Plan Required Changes**

Superintendent Lindquist summarized the superintendent report and recommended changes to the school COVID-19 Re-entry Plan, as included in the agenda package. Discussion followed.

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Recommendation 1

*Motion 2022-02-10-02 Moved that the wearing of masks becomes optional for students, effective February 14, 2022. The Board supports individual choice to continue wearing a mask if desired. Desk shields and plexi-glass barriers will remain in place until step 2 is implemented by government.*

*Moved: Director Guthrie*

*Seconded: Director Ukiwe*

*Discussion followed.*

*Carried*

Recommendation 2

*Motion 2022-02-10-03 Moved that partially vaccinated or non-vaccinated staff test at home with a rapid antigen test and provide an email to the principal identifying time and date of positive or negative test as an interim step until the provincial government responds to school board requests for policy or administrative procedure on this topic.*

*Moved: Director Derkson*

*Seconded: Director Guthrie*

*Discussion followed.*

*Carried*

Recommendation 3

*Motion 2022-02-10-04 Moved that on March 1, 2022 (or alternate date for step 2 implementation as announced by government), cohort of students by grade level be removed. The requirement for desk shields and plexiglass barriers would be removed but these items will still available to individuals upon request. Parents will be encouraged to continue to use the daily checklist from AHS; individuals with symptoms will be asked to remain at home. Physical distancing practices and the use of hand sanitizers at school entrances and in classrooms will be maintained.*

*Moved: Director Guthrie*

*Seconded: Director Ukiwe*

*Discussion followed.*

*Carried*

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Recommendation 4

*Motion 2022-02-10-05 Moved that "Administrative Procedure 201 Workplace Health and Safety: COVID-19 Hazard Control Vaccination Status" be removed upon written direction by government.*

*Moved: Director Guthrie*

*Seconded: Director Ukiwe*

*Discussion followed.*

*Carried*

Recommendation 5

*Recommendation 5 was deferred to a future meeting.*

Recommendation 6

*General consensus is to move forward in seeking more information and available alternatives relating to air exchange and filtering within the school.*

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

**6. Adjournment**

Chair Hanson adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

*Next Board Meeting: February 16, 2022*