



**New Horizons
Charter School Society
Board Meeting**

November 23, 2022

AGENDA**Type of Meeting:** Board**Date:** November 23, 2022**Page:**1 of 2*"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
NOVEMBER 23, 2022
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. | Call to Order | D. Hanson | 7:30 pm |
| 2. | Statement of Territorial Acknowledgment | D. Hanson | 7:32 pm |
| | <p><i>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.</i></p> | | |
| 3. | Adoption of Agenda | D. Hanson | 7:35 pm |
| 4. | Disclosure of Conflict of Interest | D. Hanson | 7:40 pm |
| 5. | Approval of Minutes | D. Hanson | 7:42 pm |
| | 5.1 October 26, 2022 – attachment | | |
| 6. | Administration Reports | | 7:45 pm |
| | 6.1 Principal's Report | L. Vigfusson | |
| | 6.2 Secretary Treasurer's Report | P. Dundas | |
| | 6.3 Superintendent's Report – attachment | D. Lindquist | |
| 7. | Board Reports | | 8:00 pm |
| | 7.1 Board Chair's Report | D. Hanson | |
| | 7.2 Other Committee Reports | D. Hanson | |
| 8. | New Business | | 8:10 pm |
| | 8.1 2021-22 Audited Financial Statement - attachment | P. Dundas | |
| | 8.2 Fall Budget Update - attachment | P. Dundas | |
| | 8.3 Annual Education Results Report 2021-22 | L. Vigfusson | |
| | 8.4 NHS Stakeholder Forum - attachment | D. Lindquist | |
| | 8.5 Research Proposal Approval | D. Lindquist | |
| | 8.6 School Council Report | E. Macve | |

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| 9. | Board Work Plan – attachment | D. Hanson | 8:30 pm |
| 10. | The Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools | D. Hanson | 8:33 pm |
| 11. | Receipt of Reports | D. Hanson | 8:40 pm |
| 12. | Correspondence Sent | D. Hanson | 8:42 pm |
| 13. | Correspondence Received | D. Hanson | 8:43 pm |
| | 13.1 EDC Deputy Minister - Education Services Agreement Standards Town Halls | | |
| | 13.2 Alberta Infrastructure – Statement of Final Costs | | |
| | 13.3 Premier of Alberta to Minister of Education | | |
| 14. | In Camera | D. Hanson | 8:45 pm |
| 15. | Adjournment | D. Hanson | 9:00 pm |

Next Board Meeting – Tuesday, December 13, 2022

NEW HORIZONS CHARTER SCHOOL SOCIETY
MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Board

Date: October, 26, 2022

Initials: Chair _____

Approved: DRAFT

Recorded By: A. DeJong

Secretary _____

October 26, 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

Board Members Joining During the Meeting:

Ijeoma Ukiwe
DIRECTOR

Kristie Derkson
DIRECTOR

Administration Present at Call to Order:

Dean Lindquist
SUPERINTENDENT

Patti Dundas
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Lori Vigfusson
PRINCIPAL

Members in Attendance:

Raena Schindel

Praveen Kakkan

Sarah-Jane Lovgren

1. Call to Order

Chair Hanson called the virtual meeting to order at 7:05 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 2022-10-26-01 Moved that the agenda for the Board Meeting of October 26, 2022 be adopted as presented.

*Moved: Director Guthrie
Seconded: Vice Chair Clarke
Carried*

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None.

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Minutes of October 5, 2022

Motion 2022-10-26-02 Moved that the Board Meeting minutes of October 5, 2022 be approved as presented.

*Moved: Vice Chair Clarke
Seconded: Director Guthrie
Carried*

6. Administration Reports

6.1 Principal's Report

Principal Vigfusson provided a verbal report and indicated that Saffron presentations were provided to all students early in the school year, including a session for parents provided by School Council. Visitors to the school are now being asked to wear visitor badges to display that they've checked in at the office. Parent-Teacher Interviews are underway this week with a focus on student IPPs. The new curriculum is well underway in primary grade levels and is going well. Division two classes are piloting some of the new curriculum at that level. A communication plan has been developed for teachers communicating with parents and a bi-weekly newsletter is being shared electronically. Email communication is also used to share information with parents. The pilot counselling program is well underway and is working well with positive results. Discussion followed.

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Approved: DRAFT

Recorded By: A. DeJong

Secretary _____

Director Ukiwe joined the meeting at this time (7:10 p.m.).

6.2 Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary Treasurer Dundas provided an update on the results of the risk management report that was received in 2021-22. Quotes have been received and concrete replacement at two entrances will be completed in the spring. Our snow removal company has withdrawn their services for the coming year. Quotes are being sought and a new contract is expected to be completed within the next few days. Discussion followed.

Director Derkson joined the meeting at this time (7:16 p.m.).

6.3 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lindquist summarized his written report including the June 2023 Provincial Achievement Tests, the upcoming Annual General Meeting and the AEP Review with Alberta Education, as included in the agenda package. He also expressed appreciation to the Board on behalf of the staff for the staff breakfast prepared on October 7, 2022.

Superintendent Lindquist shared a proposal requesting support from the Board for a one year contract for a social media support consultant to develop, implement and manage a media strategy to improve communication within the school community and to increase exposure within the greater community. Discussion followed. Consensus is for the Public Relations Committee to discuss and further develop the proposal.

7. Board Reports

7.1 Board Chair's Report

Chair Hanson indicated that he attended the TAAPCS AGM, additional discussion later in the agenda. Chair Hanson thanked the Board for their efforts in providing a staff breakfast.

7.2 Committee Reports

Finance and Audit Committee

The committee will be meeting as soon as the audit is complete and available for discussion.

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Recorded By: A. DeJong

Secretary _____

Policy Guidelines and Bylaws Committee

The committee has not met, Vice Chair Clarke will be reaching out to interested individuals and set up a meeting.

Survey Committee

No report.

Public Relations Committee

A meeting will be scheduled in November.

Personnel Committee

The committee will be meeting soon regarding upcoming collective agreement negotiations.

High School Ad Hoc Committee

No report.

8. New Business

8.1 Standing Committee Membership

Superintendent Lindquist spoke to the partially completed membership for Board Standing Committees and indicated the need to fill vacant positions within the committees, as included in the agenda package. Vacant positions were filled as follows:

Audit Committee:

The following Board and Society Members were appointed to serve as the Audit Committee:

- Vincent Tong, Committee Chair
- Ijeoma Ukiwe
- Shaun Guthrie
- Trevor Panas
- Niharika Sreekumar

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Approved: DRAFT

Recorded By: A. DeJong

Secretary _____

*Policies, Guidelines,
Bylaws Committee:*

*The following Board and Society Members were appointed
to serve as the Policies, Guidelines, Bylaws Committee:*

- *Jason Clarke, Committee Chair*
- *Dan Hanson*
- *Kristie Derkson*
- *Michelle Smith*
- *Raena Schindel*

Personnel Committee:

*The following Board Members were appointed to serve as
the Personnel Committee:*

- *Dan Hanson, Committee Chair*
- *Vincent Tong*
- *Kristie Derkson*

Survey Committee:

*The following Board Members were appointed to serve as
the Survey Committee:*

- *Shaun Guthrie*

*Public Relations
Committee:*

*The following Board and Society Members be appointed to
serve as the Public Relations Committee.*

- *Dan Hanson, Committee Chair*
- *Jason Clarke*
- *Michelle Smith*
- *Elizabeth Macve*
- *Sarah-Jane Lovgren*

*There will also be an addition of School Council and FANHS
representatives as well as community members.*

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High School Ad Hoc Committee:

The following Board Members were appointed to serve as the High School Ad Hoc Committee:

- *Dan Hanson*
- *Shaun Guthrie*
- *Kristie Derkson*
- *Jason Clarke*
- *Michelle Smith*

TAAPCS

The following Board Members were appointed to serve as the TAAPCS Representative:

- *Michelle Smith*

8.2 Enrolment Report for September 30, 2022

Principal Vigfusson indicated that there were 427 students officially registered at NHS on September 30, 2022. There are potentially a couple more students to be registered in the coming weeks. This is less than the projected 440 and will affect funding next year as the weighted moving average (WMA) is adjusted. Discussion followed.

Director Guthrie left the meeting at this time (8:00 p.m.).

8.3 Accountability Pillar Results

Principal Vigfusson provided a summary of the Accountability Pillar Results that were received in May, 2022. The complete report will be shared with Board members. Overall, the results are quite favorable with some noted areas for improvement. Discussion followed.

8.4 Receive Report on PAT Results

Principal Vigfusson indicated that PAT results were received on October 21, 2022. Moving forward, PAT dates will be set by Alberta Education. Principal Vigfusson provided an overview of the PAT results from the 2021-22 school year. Discussion followed.

8.5 Classroom Discussion (Civil Discourse)

Principal Vigfusson indicated that there have been a number of conversations regarding civil discourse discussions within classrooms and among students. Some teachers are seeking guidance on leading the conversations. This is a topic well suited for the stakeholder forum with parents and for additional professional development opportunities with staff. Discussion followed.

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8.6 Inventory of Resources Used for Online Student Safety

Principal Vigfusson indicated that staff have compiled a list of resources that are being used to support online student safety. She will share the list with Board members. The information can also be shared with parents.

8.7 Independent Studies Update

Principal Vigfusson shared that independent studies have lost their lustre among both students and staff members. The topic was discussed at a recent staff meeting and ideas to increase engagement and enthusiasm were shared. A committee of staff members has been formed to look further into improving the independent studies. It is suggested that discussion of the topic be included at the stakeholder forum with parents. Discussion followed.

9. Board Work Plan

The Board reviewed the Work Plan for 2022-23, as included in the agenda package.

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

Chair Hanson indicated that the TAAPCS AGM was held on October 22, 2022 and was attended by Chair Hanson, Director Smith and Secretary Treasurer Dundas. A number of items were deferred and will be addressed at an upcoming Special General Meeting. The Education Minister spoke at the AGM and addressed the infrastructure requests for charter schools, expressing support for the charter school hub approach. Discussion followed.

11. Receipt of Reports

Motion 2022-10-26-03

Moved that all reports be received as presented during the meeting.

Moved: Vice Chair Clarke

Seconded: Board Secretary and Treasurer Tong
Carried

12. Correspondence Sent

13. Correspondence Received

Chair Hanson invited public guests to address the Board.

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Recorded By: A. DeJong

Secretary _____

14. Motion to Move In Camera

Motion 2022-10-26-04 Moved that the meeting move in camera at 9:13 p.m.

Moved: Director Ukiwe

Seconded: Vice Chair Clarke

Carried

Motion to Move Out of Camera:

Motion 2022-10-26-05 Moved that the meeting move out of camera at 9:50 p.m.

Moved: Board Secretary and Treasurer Tong

Seconded: Director Ukiwe

Carried

15. New Business (con't)

15.1 Matters Arising from In Camera Meeting

Motion 2022-10-26-06 Moved that the Board ratify the employment contract for the following:

- Employee #0337*
- Employee #0338*

Moved: Board Secretary and Treasurer Tong

Seconded: Vice Chair Clarke

Carried

15. Adjournment

Chair Hanson adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: November 23, 2022



Dean Lindquist

Superintendent

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MEMORANDUM

November 23, 2022

To: Board of Directors

From: Dean Lindquist - Superintendent

Re: Superintendent's Report

June 2022 Provincial Achievement Tests

As of November 6, 2022, the PAT results remain embargoed. We have received the roll-up data that is normally included in the APORI report. As soon as the embargo is lifted, we will share it at the following board meeting.

Annual General Meeting – November 23, 2022

The Notice of AGM was sent out on November 1, 2022. Bylaws require that the Notice be sent at least 21 days prior to the meeting. The meeting is scheduled to be held using Zoom.

The AGM agenda was sent out on November 14, 2022.

Absenteeism Rates

With COVID-19, flu, RSV and other illnesses affecting children we are hearing on the news about significant absences from schools around our region. New Horizons is also affected by these illnesses although our rates range from 5 – 11%.

AHS Outbreak Guidance

Attached is a letter from the Deputy Minister providing direction as to how to interpret AHS guidance re: outbreaks. As stated in the letter:

It is important to note that AHS recommendations are for guidance purposes only, as opposed to a directive being provided by public health officials. School superintendents and designates are responsible to protect the health of students under their care and staff working in their facilities and are in the best position to determine what would be best in their specific school setting.

To keep the board informed, the topic of health and safety measures are regularly discussed at Leadership Meetings to identify any gaps that may be evident in our planning. Although masking is not required, students are reminded of their option to wear one if they or their parents wish. Students and staff are also asked to stay home if ill.

As it appears now, the government will not require mandatory implementation of health and safety measures.

Sincerely,

Dean Lindquist



Dean Lindquist <dlindquist@newhorizons.ca>

Clarifying AHS Outbreak Guidance

EDC Deputy Minister <EducationDeputyMinister@gov.ab.ca>

Wed, Nov 9, 2022 at 2:47 PM

To: Superintendents of Public, Separate, Francophone and Charter School Authorities

Independent (Private) School Authorities

ECS Private School Operators

Executive Directors of Stakeholder Associations

AISCA (Association of Independent Schools & Colleges in Alberta)

CASS (College of Alberta School Superintendents)

SUBJECT: Clarifying AHS Outbreak Guidance

Dear colleagues,

I am writing today to advise you of forthcoming communication from Alberta Health Services (AHS) that you will receive later today.

Some of you have inquired about illness and outbreak guidance provided by AHS and how this may apply to planned Remembrance Day events and other gatherings. I understand that some of the recent guidance may have resulted in confusion about how to plan and hold these events.

It is important to note that AHS recommendations are for guidance purposes only, as opposed to a directive being provided by public health officials. School superintendents and designates are responsible to protect the health of students under their care and staff working in their facilities and are in the best position to determine what would be best in their specific school setting.

I want to thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of students in Alberta.

Regards,

Andre Tremblay

Deputy Minister of Education



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MEMORANDUM

November 23, 2022

To: Board of Directors
From: Patti Dundas – Secretary Treasurer
Subject: Secretary Treasurer Report

The Audit Committee met on November 1, 2022 to review the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended August 31, 2022 as prepared by Yaremchuk and Annicchiarico Accountants.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Board approve the August 31, 2022 audit report prepared by Yaremchuk and Annicchiarico as presented at the Annual General Meeting.

Patti Dundas – Secretary Treasurer



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MEMORANDUM

November 23, 2022

To: Board of Directors

From: Patti Dundas – Secretary Treasurer

Subject: Secretary Treasurer Report – Fall Budget Update

The annual budget is prepared in the spring and then requires adjustment as new revenues and/or expenses become applicable; a summary of the changes for the 2022-23 fiscal year is provided.

We have not received any additional revenue that needs to have a corresponding expenditure approval. Any changes to the budget have been housekeeping issues and expenditure increases for snow removal and caretaking services.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Board approve the Budget Update as presented.

Patti Dundas – Secretary Treasurer



Dean Lindquist, Ed.D.

Superintendent

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MEMORANDUM

November 23, 2022

To: Board of Directors

From: Dean Lindquist – Superintendent

Subject: Stakeholder Forum 2023

Background:

For the last number of years, the Board has hosted a Stakeholder Forum early in the new year.

Director Shaun Guthrie forms the Survey Committee and will work with Principal Vigfusson in establishing the topics and questions for discussion. The board may wish to provide their topic ideas to the Survey Committee at this board meeting as the final recommendation for the topics will come to the December board meeting.

Possible Priorities - (suggested)

1. Civil Discourse - discussion with groups about the opportunities and challenges to facilitating civil discourse discussion in the classroom. What are the boundaries for topics and discussions? How do teachers support individual students and the varying values that students and families may possess that can make student participation and teacher facilitation difficult?
2. How do we ensure that the board and staff support the diverse needs of students attending the school? What are we doing well, where do we need to improve and what are the next steps and or supports that the board must consider to ensure that our students are successful?
3. Other? Please suggest.

To prepare for hosting this important event, the Board should finalize the priorities/topics and the date of the Stakeholder Forum. Last year the Forum was held Monday, January 24, 2022 and the board will need to determine the date for the Forum for January or early February. The forum has been held on Monday evenings for the past few years, and as such, two possible dates for the Forum are January 23 or 30, 2023.



Dean Lindquist, Ed.D.

Superintendent

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It is recommended that Lori Vigfusson and Andrea Watson act as the facilitators of the Stakeholder Forum. I will support their facilitation where I can be of assistance. As usual, it is recommended that opening remarks are made by Board Chair Dan Hanson.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors engage in a discussion to identify a date for the Stakeholder Forum and to discuss potential topic ideas for the Survey Committee and Principal Vigfusson to consider.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dean Lindquist".

Dean Lindquist, Ed.D. – Superintendent

Attachment – Draft agenda



Dean Lindquist

Superintendent

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MEMORANDUM

November 23, 2022

To: Board of Directors

From: Dean Lindquist - Superintendent

Re: Research Proposal Approval

The Board has received a request from a doctoral student requesting authorization to conduct research at New Horizons School. Andrea Antoniuk is a doctoral student with the University of Alberta's School and Clinical Child Psychology program. Her dissertation research study investigates anxiety in classroom assessments and her research would benefit our school.

I am recommending approval of this research at New Horizons School.

Sincerely,

Dean Lindquist

Notification of Approval

Date: April 11, 2022
Study ID: Pro00117921
Principal Investigator: [Andrea Antoniuk](#)
Study Supervisor: [Damien Cormier](#)
Study Title: Investigating Anxiety in Classroom Assessments
Approval Expiry Date: April 10, 2023

Thank you for submitting the above study to the Research Ethics Board 2. Your application has been reviewed and approved on behalf of the committee.

Approved Documents:

Recruitment Materials

[Recruitment3.pdf](#)

Consent Forms

[InformationandConsentLetter_2022Apr5_parent_clean.docx](#)

[Information and Consent Letter_2022Apr5_teacher_clean.docx](#)

Assent Forms

[Assent_Student_March31_clean.docx](#)

Questionnaires, Cover Letters, Surveys, Tests, Interview Scripts, etc.

[Teacher rating scale](#)

[RatingScale_Student_April4_clean.docx](#)

Any proposed changes to the study must be submitted to the REB for approval prior to implementation. A renewal report must be submitted next year prior to the expiry of this approval if your study still requires ethics approval. If you do not renew on or before the renewal expiry date, you will have to re-submit an ethics application.

Approval by the REB does not constitute authorization to initiate the conduct of this research. The Principal Investigator is responsible for ensuring required approvals from other involved organizations (e.g., Alberta Health Services, Covenant Health, community organizations, school boards) are obtained, before the research begins.

Sincerely,

Carol Boliek, PhD
Associate Chair, Research Ethics Board 2

Note: This correspondence includes an electronic signature (validation and approval via an online system).



Board of Directors – Work Plan for 2022/23

September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopt Board Work Plan for 2022-23 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Set date for October Board meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Receive report on provincial achievement test results (closed meeting) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Board Organizational Actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct Special General Meeting; hold Board elections <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elect Board executive officers (must be within one week of SGM) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Select members for Board standing committees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Set dates for Board meetings (motion required) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notify Service Alberta of change in executive officers <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Identify Board signing authorities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sign Board Member Code of Conduct – Policy #101 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Receive Accountability Pillar Results Report for October 2022 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Attend TAAPCS Annual General Meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Receive enrolment report for September 30, 2022 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conduct initial orientation session for new Board members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Set date for NHCS Society Annual General Meeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct AGM of NHCS Society <input type="checkbox"/> Approve revised budget for 2022-23 <input type="checkbox"/> Approve Annual Education Results Report 2021-22 <input type="checkbox"/> Approve Audited Financial Statement Year Ending Aug 31/22 <input type="checkbox"/> Receive Report #1 from School Council <input type="checkbox"/> Determine priorities, possible date for Stakeholder Forum <input type="checkbox"/>
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set date for March Board Planning Retreat <input type="checkbox"/> Receive Counsellor's Report #1 <input type="checkbox"/>
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive Quarterly Financial Report for Sep - Nov 2022 <input type="checkbox"/> Review Policy 210 and associated Student Code of Conduct <input type="checkbox"/> Approve school calendar for 2023-24 in principle <input type="checkbox"/> Stakeholder Forum – Gather input on possible Education Plan priorities <input type="checkbox"/>
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide final approval of school calendar for 2023-24 <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare breakfast for school staff <input type="checkbox"/> Receive mid-year progress report on Three-Year Education Plan 2022-25 <input type="checkbox"/>
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Retreat – Identify priorities for upcoming Education Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Approve Three-Year Capital Plan for 2023-24 to 2025-26 <input type="checkbox"/> Administer Board-developed Stakeholder Survey <input type="checkbox"/>

Board Annual Work Plan 2022-23 – Approved – 2022-09-21

April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive Quarterly Financial Report for Dec 2022 – Feb 2023 	<input type="checkbox"/>
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide approval to Education Plan 2021-22 to 2022-23 Attend TAAPCS Spring General Meeting Approve Budget for 2022-23 Receive Accountability Pillar Results Report for May 2021 Receive Board-developed stakeholder survey results Consider salary adjustment for support staff, senior administration Receive report from FANHS Receive Counsellor's Report #2 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assess Board Work Plan progress for 2021-22 Receive Quarterly Financial Report for Mar – May 2022 Schedule SGM of NHCS Society (requires 21 days' notice; must be on or before Oct 10) Schedule September 2022 Board meeting Set date for Summer Board Housekeeping Retreat Receive Report #2 from School Council 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider proposals for new or amended Board policies Receive recommendations from Board committees 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Annually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Negotiate collective agreement with ATA (as needed) 	<input type="checkbox"/>
As Needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> County Council MLAs 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Potential Additions to Work Plan

- Pilot counselling program
- High school steering committee update
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Education Services Agreement Standards Town Halls

EDC Deputy Minister <EducationDeputyMinister@gov.ab.ca>

Mon, Nov 7, 2022 at 2:31 PM

To: Superintendents of Public, Separate, Francophone and Charter School Authorities
First Nations Education Directors
First Nations Treaty Organizations
First Nations Tribal Councils
Regional Director General, Indigenous Services Canada
Executive Directors of Stakeholder Associations
ASBA (Alberta School Boards Association)
CASS (College of Alberta School Superintendents)
ASBOA (Association of School Business Officials of Alberta)

Subject: Education Services Agreement Standards Town Halls

Dear education partners:

The success of First Nations children is an important priority for Alberta's government, and an essential part of our work to advance reconciliation. To help school boards and First Nations work together when First Nations students living on reserve choose to attend provincial schools, the Minister of Education has signed a ministerial order confirming standards for new education services agreements (ESAs).

These standards are intended to support the development of comprehensive, transparent, fair and accountable ESAs between provincial school boards and First Nations (or the Government of Canada). Strengthened ESAs help establish a continuing dialogue and relationship between First Nations and provincial school authorities, and they enhance education opportunities for First Nations students. They are non-prescriptive and are intended to provide guidance for school boards and First Nations.

The standards were informed by recommendations provided by First Nations, provincial school boards and the federal government during engagement sessions in 2021, in addition to feedback received between 2014 and 2018. As the Minister indicated, the government is very grateful to everyone who took part, and we will also be engaging you in a review of the standards in three

years. It is a priority for us to hear your thoughts on how the standards are working, and we are committed to further discussions to make any necessary adjustments following the review.

Please take some time to review the attached Ministerial Order on Standards for Education Services Agreements. To support implementation of the standards, virtual town halls sessions will be held to answer any questions you may have.

Town Halls

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, November 17	3 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Virtual To register for the virtual session, click here
Friday, November 18	1 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Virtual To register for the virtual session, click here
Monday, November 21	10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Virtual To register for the virtual session, click here

Please confirm your attendance by selecting the appropriate weblink in the chart above by **Wednesday, November 16, 2022**.

More information and resources to support collaborative ESAs can be found online at [Education Services Agreement Standards](#), including an overview of ESA standards and a fact sheet.

Thank you for your continued feedback on the standards for ESAs. I look forward to continuing our work to ensure the educational success of First Nations students in Alberta.

Regards,

Andre Tremblay

Deputy Minister of Education

Attachment:

1. *Ministerial Order (# 015/2022) on Standards for Education Services Agreements*

cc: First Nations Chiefs

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November 7, 2022

Dean Lindquist
Superintendent
New Horizon Charter School Society
1000 Strathcona Drive
Sherwood Park, AB T8A 3R6

Dear Dean Lindquist:

On behalf of the Minister of Infrastructure, I am advising you of the following capital funding decision for your Division:

Provincial Support will be reduced by the amount of \$43,631.69 in unused funds, including non-refundable GST for the 2021/2022 Modular Classroom Program, for the cost of installing two (Type-A) modular classrooms at New Horizons School in Sherwood Park (Project ID: P-001981 / Contract ID: 039228).

The final total project cost and the revised total provincial support is \$547,269.39 including non-refundable GST.

The budget and funding information is attached for your reference. This approval will allow the processing of your Statement of Final Costs and release of final payment of \$74,548.53.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please email or call Judith Wright, Director, Program Management and Integration, Infrastructure, at INFRAS.MCP@gov.ab.ca or 780-915-4727 (toll-free by dialing 310-0000 first).

Sincerely,

Kim Zapisocky
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Kim Zapisocky
Acting Executive Director, Learning Facilities Branch, Infrastructure

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cc: Patricia Dundas
Secretary-Treasurer, New Horizons Charter School Society



Premier of Alberta

Office of the Premier, 307 Legislature Building, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6 Canada

November 9, 2022

The Honourable Adriana LaGrange
Minister of Education

Dear Minister,

I want to thank you for your service to Albertans, and for your continued service as Minister of Education.

Our Cabinet faces an extraordinary task: to deliver on a clear and bold mandate in a limited period of time. Albertans are counting on us, and they rightfully expect their government to address the challenges they are facing with our full attention and action.

First, I ask you to keep the inflation and affordability crisis top of mind. Affordability is the primary challenge facing Albertans today, and as a government we will ensure that Alberta families are able to manage through this storm by taking decisive action in the coming weeks and months.

Second, our Cabinet must continue to have a laser focus on job creation and strengthening Alberta's economy. No matter what the industry, we must continue the good work of diversifying our economy through job creation to ensure all Albertans and their families can prosper.

Third, the challenges facing our healthcare system mean Albertans aren't getting the necessary care they need when and where they need it. We will ensure all areas of the province receive prompt and efficient ambulance service. Our government will also act quickly to bring substantive improvements to emergency room services and clear surgical backlogs.

Finally, I expect our Cabinet to remain united and determined in the face of a federal government that no longer treats its partners in Confederation as equals. We must proactively protect Albertans from continued federal government overreach, including hostile economic policies that landlock our provincial resources, that chase billions in investment and thousands of jobs from our province and that are detrimental to the short-term and long-term prosperity of Albertans.

While we may face challenges, I nonetheless have full confidence that our government can and will address these matters to secure a province that remains a safe haven for those seeking economic opportunity, prosperity, and freedom.

Under your leadership as Minister of Education, I expect you to work closely with your Cabinet and caucus colleagues and the public service through the committee, Cabinet, and legislative processes to deliver on commitments to support Albertans, including, as the lead:

- Work with Mental Health and Addictions to continue to expand and provide additional supports to school divisions and families to address gaps in mental health and wellness support for our youth.
- Explore short-term and long-term strategies to address the need to add a significant number of educational assistants in our classrooms to address learning loss and the increasing complexity of learning needs.
- Work with the Minister of Infrastructure develop a proposal to significantly increase the number of schools in our growing communities.
- Ensure Alberta is continuing to attract and retain the most qualified teachers in the country.
- Work with the Minister of Skilled Trades and Professions on the Career Education Task Force with a focus on transforming Alberta's career education programming to be more responsive to the needs of our current and future workforce while also highlighting the opportunities available through polytechnic education.
- Continue to bring more collegiate schools online across the province to create pathways for students to post-secondary or their chosen fields in the workforce.
- Increase the pace of the cross-ministry work between the Ministries of Education; Health; Mental Health and Addictions; Seniors, Community and Social Services; Children's Services; and Justice by focusing on clear and uncomplicated points of entry for children with special needs and their families.
- Pursue opportunities and strategies to address transportation cost pressures and ride times for school boards and families.
- Continue to support parental choice throughout our education system.
- Work with Health to evaluate whether there is a need to expand supports for qualified professionals, such as speech language pathologists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, and psychologists.

Your deputy minister and other senior officials in your ministry will support these priorities with the highest standard of professionalism and integrity. Alberta's public service will provide you with non-partisan advice and loyal implementation of your mandate. As I mentioned, our ability to support Albertans in the coming months will require you to work respectfully with your officials, and often with tight timelines.

As such, I expect all ministers and their staff to conduct themselves in all matters with the highest standards of integrity and ethical behaviour. I expect you to be aware of, and to be fully compliant with, Alberta's *Conflicts of Interest Act*, and that all ministers will protect the significant trust that Albertans have placed in our government.

We will come through this difficult and challenging period in Alberta's history, so let us work together to fulfill and exceed our mandate on behalf of the good people of this

great province. I am honoured to be working with you to build a stronger and more prosperous Alberta.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Danielle Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'D'.

Danielle Smith
Premier of Alberta