



# **Board Meeting**

# **Agenda Package**

**October 4, 2017**

☞ *New Horizons Charter School Society* ☞

**AGENDA****Type of Meeting:** Board**Date:** October 4, 2017**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' MEETING  
OCTOBER 4, 2017**

**AGENDA**

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|-----|--|-------------|---------|
| 1.  | <b>Call to Order</b>   | Jill Weiss  | 7:35 pm |
| 2.  | <b>Adoption of Agenda</b>  | Jill Weiss  | 7:36 pm |
| 3.  | <b>Disclosure of Conflict of Interest</b>  | Jill Weiss  | 7:37 pm |
| 4.  | <b>Approval of Minutes</b>   | Jill Weiss  | 7:38 pm |
|     | 4.1 September 13, 2017 – attachment  |             |         |
| 5.  | <b>Board Organization</b>  |             | 7:40 pm |
|     | 5.1 Selection of Officers – attachment   | Don Falk    |         |
|     | 5.2 Set Regular Meeting Dates (motion required)  | Board Chair |         |
|     | 5.3 Board Committees – attachment  | Board Chair |         |
| 6.  | <b>Board Work Plan – attachment</b>  | Board Chair | 8:25 pm |
| 7.  | <b>The Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools</b>   | Board Chair | 8:30 pm |
|     | 7.1 Email (2017-09-17) from Executive Director<br>Rhyason re Communications Committee – attachment   |             |         |
|     | 7.2 Report and Attachment from Ad Hoc Communications<br>Committee – attachments (2)  |             |         |
|     | 7.3 Annual General Meeting - attachment  |             |         |
| 8.  | <b>Correspondence Sent</b>   | Board Chair | 8:55 pm |
|     | 8.1 Letter (2017-09-17) from Board Chair Weiss to<br>Education Minister Eggen re Board Policy and<br>Administrative Procedures re School Fees – attachment |             |         |
| 9.  | <b>Correspondence Received</b>   | Board Chair | 8:56 pm |
| 10. | <b>In Camera</b>   | Board Chair | 8:57 pm |
| 11. | <b>Adjournment</b>   | Boar Chair  | 9:15 pm |

**Next Board Meeting – October 18, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (tentative)**

## September 13, 2017 7:00 PM

### Board Members Present At Call To Order:

Jill Weiss  
CHAIR

Trevor Panas  
DIRECTOR

William Watson  
DIRECTOR

Michelle Macdonald  
DIRECTOR

Inna Mackay  
DIRECTOR

Dan Coles  
DIRECTOR

### Administration Present:

Don Falk  
SUPERINTENDENT

Ted Zarowny  
PRINCIPAL

Fred de Kleine  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Cheri Unterschultz  
RECORDING SECRETARY

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Weiss called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

#### 2. Adoption of Agenda

*Motion 2017-09-13-01 Motion to adopt agenda for the Board Meeting  
September 13, 2017.*

*Moved: Director Panas, Seconded: Director  
Macdonald, Carried*

#### 3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

None

#### 4. Approval of Minutes

##### 4.1 Minutes from June 28, 2017

*Motion 2017-09-13-02 Motion to approve June 28, 2017 Board Meeting  
Minutes.*

*Moved: Director Mackay, Seconded: Director  
Macdonald, Carried*

**5. Administration Reports**

**5.1. Principal's Report**

Principal Zarowny spoke to his written report as attached to the agenda for the meeting.

**5.2. Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Falk spoke to his written report as attached to the agenda for the meeting.

**6. Board Reports**

**6.1 Board Chair's Report**

None

**6.2 Committee Reports**

None

**7. Presentation to the Board**

**7.1 Joint Presentation from School Council and Fundraising Association for New Horizons School.**

School Council Chair, Kim Johnson and President of FANHS, Abe Chang provided a presentation to the Board.

**8. New Business**

**8.1 Staff Recognition**

Ms. Lori Vigfusson and Ms. Janice Dinel provided to the Board a summary of their research project entitled; Individual Pursuits as Project Based Learning. The Board acknowledged the work of Ms. Vigfusson and Ms. Dinel with the presentation of a certificate and small gift.

*Motion 2017-09-13-03 Motion to acknowledge Ms. Lori Vigfusson and Ms. Janice Dinel for their outstanding contribution to the field of educational research and the practice of teaching.*

*Moved: Chair Weiss, Seconded: Director Watson, Carried*

## **8.2 Report from School Counsellor**

Ms. Lori Vigfusson spoke to her written report as attached to the agenda for the meeting.

**Director Coles joined the meeting at 7:44pm.**

## **8.3 Draft Board Policy 209 (School Fees)**

Superintendent Falk spoke of the Draft Board Policy #209 as attached to the agenda for the meeting.

*Motion 2017-09-13-04 Motion to adopt Board Policy #209 School Fees as presented.*

*Moved: Director Panas, Seconded: Director Macdonald, Carried*

*Motion 2017-09-13-05 Motion to direct Administration to submit Board Policy #209 School Fees to the Minister of Education for his review.*

*Moved: Director Panas, Seconded: Director Coles, Carried*

## **8.4 Aurora Academic Charter School High School Initiative**

Superintendent Falk spoke of Aurora Academic Charter School High School Initiative.

## **8.5 Board Elections and Fall Series of Board & Society Meetings**

Superintendent Falk spoke of the fall series of Board & Society Meetings.

*Motion 2016-09-13-06 Motion to hold the October Regular Board meeting immediately following the Special General Meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.*

*Moved: Chair Weiss, Seconded: Director Panas, Carried*

*Motion 2017-09-13-07 Motion for the Annual General Meeting of the New Horizons Charter School Society to be held November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 pm.*

*Moved: Chair Weiss, Seconded: Director Macdonald, Carried*

**9. Board Work Plan**

**9.1 Board Work Plan 2017-18**

The Board reviewed the Board Work Plan 2017-18, as attached to the agenda for the meeting.

*Motion 2016-09-13-08 Motion to approve the Board Work Plan 2017 – 2018 as attached to the agenda for the meeting.*

*Moved: Chair Watson, Seconded: Director Mackay, Carried*

**10. Receipt of Reports**

*Motion 2017-09-13-09 Motion to receive reports as presented to the Board.*

*Moved: Director Mackay, Seconded: Director Watson, Carried*

**11. Correspondence Sent**

None

**12. Correspondence Received**

**12.1** Letter (2017-05-29) from Deputy Education Minister Curtis Clarke re Re-appointment of Superintendent

**12.2** Letter (2017-06-15) from Education Minister David Eggen re New Approach to Support Student Attendance

**12.3** Email (2017-08-15) re Schedule for Release of Provincial Achievement Test Results

**13. Motion to Move into Camera:**

*Motion 2017-09-13-10 Motion to move into camera at 9:04 pm.*

*Moved: Director Panas, Seconded: Director Watson, Carried*

**14. Motion to Move Out of Camera:**

*Motion 2017-09-13-11 Motion to move out of camera at 9:45 pm.*

*Moved: Director Macdonald, Seconded: Director Mackay, Carried*

**15. Adjournment**

Chair Weiss adjourned the meeting at 9:45 pm.

*Next Board Meeting – Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 immediately following the Special General Meeting at 7:00 pm.*

# BOARD OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

2017-10-04

Position / Committee	2015 - 16	2016-17	2017-18
<b>Chair</b>	Jill Weiss	Jill Weiss	
<b>Vice Chair</b>	Ryan Bosch	Nicole Pasemko	
<b>Secretary</b>	Denise Auriat/Will Watson	Will Watson	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Nicole Pasemko	Trevor Panas	
<b>Audit Committee</b>			
<i>Membership: Board Treasurer</i>	Nicole Pasemko	Trevor Panas	
<i>(must chair); 2 or more Board</i>	Carole Karbonik	Inna Mackay	
<i>members; 2 community members</i>	Jill Weiss	Michelle Macdonald	
<i>as specified in Policy</i>	Chad Cretney	Brandi Mah	
	Theo Charette		
<b>Policies, Guidelines, Bylaws Cmte</b>			
<i>Membership: Unspecified; Board</i>	Ryan Bosch	Jill Weiss	
<i>member must chair</i>	Will Watson	Trevor Panas	
	Beverly Kwon	Nicole Pasemko	
	Tammie Cretney	Brandi Mah	
<b>Personnel Committee</b>			
<i>Membership: Board members</i>	Jill Weiss	Jill Weiss	
<i>only; unspecified number; Board</i>	Vicky Qualie	Inna Mackay	
<i>Chair must chair</i>	Nicole Pasemko	Nicole Pasemko	
	Denise Auriat		
<b>Survey Committee</b>			
<i>Membership: Board members</i>	Denise Auriat	Jill Weiss	
<i>only; unspecified number</i>	Will Watson	Will Watson	
<b>Public Relations Committee</b>			
<i>Membership: Unspecified;</i>	Nicole Pasemko (chair)	Jill Weiss	
<i>School Council &amp; FANHS to be</i>	Vicky Qualie	Nicole Pasemko	
<i>invited to submit representation;</i>	Darlene Groten	Michelle Macdonald	
<i>Board member must chair</i>	Theo Charette	Vickie Qualie	
	Denise Auriat		
	Trevor Panas		
	Krista Radstaak		



### Board of Directors – Work Plan for 2017-18

<b>September</b>	▪ Adopt Board Work Plan for 2017-18	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	▪ Receive Counsellor’s Report for 2016-17 School Year	<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"/>
	▪ Set date for NHCS Society AGM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>October</b>	▪ Conduct SGM; Hold Board elections	<input type="checkbox"/>
	▪ Elect Board executive officers (must be within one week of SGM)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	▪ Select members for Board standing committees	<input type="checkbox"/>
	▪ Set dates for Board meetings (motion required)	<input type="checkbox"/>
	▪ Notify Service Alberta of change in executive officers	<input type="checkbox"/>
	▪ Sign Board Member Code of Conduct – Policy #101	<input type="checkbox"/>
	▪ Receive Accountability Pillar Results Report for October 2017	<input type="checkbox"/>
	▪ Attend TAAPCS Annual General Meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>
	▪ Receive enrolment report for September 30, 2017	<input type="checkbox"/>
	▪ Conduct initial orientation session for new Board members	<input type="checkbox"/>
	▪ Submit request to Alberta Education for modular classrooms	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>November</b>	▪ Conduct AGM of NHCS Society	<input type="checkbox"/>
	▪ Approve final Three-Year Education Plan 2017-18 to 2019-20	<input type="checkbox"/>
	▪ Approve revised budget for 2017-18	<input type="checkbox"/>
	▪ Approve Annual Education Results Report 2017-18	<input type="checkbox"/>
	▪ Approve Audited Financial Statement Year Ending Aug 31/17	<input type="checkbox"/>
	▪ Receive Report #1 from School Council	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>December</b>	▪ Receive Quarterly Financial Report for Sep - Nov 2017	<input type="checkbox"/>
	▪ Receive Class Size Report for 2017-18	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>January</b>	▪ Prepare breakfast for school staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
	▪ Receive mid-year progress report on Three-Year Education Plan 2017-20	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>
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	▪	
<b>February</b>	▪ Approve school calendar for 2018-19	<input type="checkbox"/>
	▪ Stakeholder Forum – Gather input on possible Education Plan priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Receive Quarterly Financial Report for Dec 2017 – Feb 2018 <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ Approve Three-Year Capital Plan for 2018-19 to 2020-21 <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ Board Retreat – Identify priorities for upcoming Education Plan <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ Administer Board-developed Stakeholder Survey <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide provisional approval to Education Plan 2018-19 to 2020-21 <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Attend TAAPCS Spring General Meeting <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ Approve Budget for 2018-19 <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ Receive Accountability Pillar Results Report for May 2017 <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ Receive Board-developed stakeholder survey results <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ Consider salary adjustment for support staff, senior administration <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ Receive report from FANHS <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>
<b>June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Assess Board Work Plan progress for 2017-18 <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ Receive Quarterly Financial Report for Mar – May 2018 <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ Schedule SGM of NHCS Society (requires 21 days’ notice; must be on or before Oct 10) <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ Schedule September 2018 Board meeting <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ Set date for Board Housekeeping Retreat <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ Receive Report #2 from School Council <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>
<b>Ongoing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Consider proposals for new or amended Board policies <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ Receive recommendations from Board committees <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>
<b>Annually</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Negotiate collective agreement with ATA (as needed) <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ Undertake Superintendent evaluation <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ Undertake Board evaluation <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>
<b>As Needed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meet with: <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">- County Council <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li style="padding-left: 20px;">- MLAs <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>▪ <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>



Don Falk <dfalk@newhorizons.ca>

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## HEADS UP: Communications Committee Request

1 message

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**Kath Rhyason** <kerhyason@gmail.com>

Tue, Sep 19, 2017 at 4:13 PM

To: Dale Bischoff <dbischoff@auroraschool.ca>, Dale Erickson <derickson@calgaryartsacademy.com>, Dianne McBeth <Dianne.McBeth@calgarygirlsschool.com>, Don Falk <dfalk@newhorizons.ca>, ed.wittchen@telus.net, Glenn McClure <gmccclure@esl-almadina.com>, Joe Frank <joe.frank@westmountcharter.com>, John Brossea <jbrossea@telus.net>, Kurtis Leinweber <kurtis.leinweber@ffca-calgary.com>, "Lynne Paradis (Suzuki)" <paradis1@suzukischool.ca>, PICARD CONSULTING <picard.consult@gmail.com>, Roger Nippard <roger.nippard@ffca-calgary.com>, Susan Chomistek <susan.c@connectcharter.ca>, Teresa Di Ninno <tdininno@capeisgreat.org>  
Cc: Ron Koper <rkoper@shaw.ca>, Scott Rankin <rankins@shaw.ca>

As I mentioned on Friday, the communications committee is down the road on creating a Charter School video.

Attached is the report that was part of your agenda. The highlighted areas capture the request for your board's input.

Also, every school has a rep on the communications committee who should be able to respond to questions.

Failing that, Ron Koper is the most knowledgeable.

The committee is asking the boards to review the video material immediately and provide input so it can be brought to the AGM.

Thank you.

Kath Rhyason

Executive Director



P/T: [780 719 3116](tel:7807193116)



**Communications Committee Report Sept. 15, 2017.docx**

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## Ad Hoc Communications Committee Report

Scott Rankin (Westmount) and Ron Koper (Connect) took the input from the director's meeting in Valhalla and synthesized it into workable documents. The committee met on August 28 through teleconference.

Summary of takeaways:

1. Website: no money in 2017, minor 'clean-up' only
2. Video: Members to seek respective Board approval by Sept 30, select members to 'test' the message for political sensitivity with parents or community members who can represent key stakeholder groups, go-no go decision at the Oct AGM
3. Stakeholder Mapping: process accepted for use
4. Membership: Ad hoc committee mandate extended to October AGM

Following is the information regarding the proposed video. This is to be taken by committee members to the boards. Boards are asked to agree to the video contents. They might wish to comment on the tone or contents but wordsmithing is to be avoided. The information gathered by September 30 will be considered before this is brought as a recommendation to the October AGM.

# Public Charter Schools 101 (PCS 101) Video Outline

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This initiative is designed to produce a “white-board style explainer video” similar to the “Private Schools 101” video. This style of production was chosen because of its high effectiveness, low cost, low complexity of production and very fast production cycle. Perhaps the most important benefit of this type of video is that creating it will force TAAPCS to be crisp, clear and strategic about our core messages to the public.

The format is 90 seconds of animated video in which time-sequenced black and white drawing and narrator are used to tell an engaging story to viewers. Done well, this story will reach viewers at an emotional and intellectual level and offer them a simple action to find out more. It will also stand the test of time, in that a well-done explainer video will remain relevant for a significant number of years without revision. It is a small part of the video component within the overall communication strategy. It cannot replace school level videos.

### ***What would you like this video to explain?***

- *What is a PCS? Why do they exist?*
- *How do PCS's operate and to what standards?*
- *What makes PCS's worth paying attention to?*
- *What experience do parents / students / communities directly involved with a PCS enjoy?*
- *How do I find out more?*

### ***What is our elevator pitch?***

- *PCS's were created to stimulate innovation in tailoring programming and operation of the public school system, 20+ years of results indicate they have successfully done so.*

### ***Who is the target audience of your video?***

- *Alberta citizens interested in quality public education.*

### ***What is the one key message that we would like each viewer to remember after watching this video?***

- PCS's are a valuable partner in public education in Alberta and they can easily find out more.

*This script needs to pinpoint the problem or needs people have, but we won't reach people on an emotional level by trying to sell them something. Too many groups get caught up in sell, sell, sell, when the real ROI comes from tell, tell, tell (telling a motivational, informing story...).*

- Connect to deep parental care for the wellbeing and success of children in the educational system.

- PCS's offer a unique way to be involved in the education of your child.

- PCS's offer engaging, effective programs that students enjoy.

*This script and video should let people feel like we understand their issues and desires.*

*We need to speak to them personally, not just professionally.*

Members of the ad hoc committee agreed to continue to the October AGM. This is a transition planning table.

#### Communications Committee Members

Composition:	Candidates
– 2 Calgary and area members	Katherine Taylor CAA Caroline Claussen CGS Denise Kitagawa Connect Ron Koper Connect Janine Bibe CAPE
– 2 Edmonton and area members	Arlene Huhn Aurora Nancy Westad Valhalla
– President or designate	Dianne McBeth CGS
– Board Chair or designate	Boris Vidal Suzuki
– Superintendent (optional)	Wayne FFCA John BSEC Joe Westmount
– Director (optional)	Calgary director?
– Executive Director ex officio	Kath

Although still helping, Scott Rankin from Westmount has moved to BC. He was chair of the committee. Currently Ron is acting as chair with Scott's mentorship.

# Alberta's Public Charter School 101

DRAFT Script for Communications Committee Discussion

## Opening:

*"Today's Lesson: Public Charter Schools in Alberta"*

## We think its time more Albertans knew about Public Charter Schools:

Many Alberta parents want to be influential and involved in their child's education. Many would love to choose a particular focus or style of education for their child, without losing the status and benefits of being in a public school. Being meaningfully involved and belonging to an educational community you believe in is a dream that can happen in the Alberta Public School System.

Alberta's public charter schools are unique in Canada. We are the only province to offer public charters as an education choice for families. Because we're unique, we're also sometimes misunderstood! This video should help to clear things up.

## What's a Public Charter School?

In Alberta, a public charter schools are ~~is an independent~~, publicly funded schools, started and operated by groups of parents or educators.

Alberta's Public Charter Schools offer programs that aren't available in the mainstream public system. We offer innovative and unique approaches to teaching and learning, serving as centres for research and innovation, and for the development of exemplary teaching and leadership practices.

If a group wants to start a Public Charter School, they need to prove to the government that their school offers something different than programs already available in their area. And they need to demonstrate a need for their program – it must provide enhanced student learning in measurable ways.

Public Charter Schools were introduced in Alberta in 1994, when Alberta Learning decided that more choices in the public system would lead to more innovation and better education solutions for Albertans. Since then, enrollment has risen from 230 students in the first 3 Public Charters to over 9,000 today in 13 schools... when you add parents, that's 13 communities engaging 20,000 to 30,000 Albertans. ~~There are now 13 Public Charters in Alberta, serving over 9,000 Alberta students.~~

***NOTE TO DRAFT: Could show a map with locations here?***

Our schools are as diverse as our province – they meet education needs for families seeking specialized programs ~~teaching~~ for diverse student needs. Our schools deliver programs that aren't available in local boards, and include traditional education approaches, at-risk youth programming, underachieving student programs, English as a second language, Arts-based education, gifted learning, inquiry based outdoor and experiential education, indigenous teaching and more.

***NOTE TO DRAFT: Could show pictures from our schools here, pictures of kids?***

## So, aren't you just like a private school?

Great question! Alberta's charters are public schools – we are funded the same way as other public schools, receiving slightly less per student, and we follow all the same rules. Unlike a private school, we can only be operated by a non-profit society, we can't have a religious affiliation, we can't turn **any** students away as long as we have space and resources for them, and we CAN'T charge tuition or make a profit by teaching them.

And like public schools, we must hire Alberta-certificated teachers, we must follow the provincial curriculum, and we report to Alberta Education, who reviews our programs and facilities. ~~must be reviewed regularly by Alberta Education~~

~~Until recently, when Public Charters were not included in Bill 1, which reduced school fees for public school parents, we charged the same fees as other public schools – for transportation, for special programs, and for supplies.~~

## So, how are you different from public schools?

We're not! We are just another choice in the public system! Alberta's Public Charter Schools were set up to provide more choices in **public** education for Albertan families. To get approval, our charters must demonstrate something different than is offered in local public boards, meaning we provide innovative and **enhanced unique** educational approaches. We also must generate research on our approaches, and share our innovations and findings with public school boards. **In fact, many innovative education programs in Alberta were developed at charter schools and adopted by other public schools.**

**We don't get quite as much money per student as most public schools, but** because we are run by non-profit societies of parents and educators, we tend to have highly involved parents. This helps us to meet the budget challenges that small schools face. As a result, we are a really efficient user of Albertan's education dollars.

## That all sounds great! **Is there high demand for Charter Schools?**

~~When Public Charters were introduced in 1994, the government of the day decided to cap Charters at 15 so that they could examine the model to see if it worked before letting Public Charter Schools spread.~~

There is high demand! Our members all run highly successful programs, many of them with significant waiting lists for students. Although we are designed to be accessible for all students, many public charters are operating at capacity. Without more facilities and approval for more students, some of our programs are unable to meet that demand.

That's because we've proven the value of our schools to parents, through the accomplishments of our students and through the research undertaken on our different styles of education. Some of our schools have been recognized as among the best in the province by various educational researchers.

***NOTE TO DRAFT: Could show pictures here of awards, reports (Fraser Institute? CD Howe Report?)***

~~We think its time that more Public Charter Schools are allowed, and that existing public charters are allowed to expand, as long as they meet all of the existing rules. To date, less than one third of Public Charter School applications have been approved by Alberta Education, none since 2008.~~

***NOTE TO DRAFT: This starts to move towards advocacy  
– we need to discuss whether this is the place to do  
that!***

This is exciting, so how do I find out more? (Link back to Audience Concerns...)

There are a number of ways to get more information. As Public Charter Schools, we all participate in The Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools (TAAPCS). You can find information about Public Charter Schools on our website ([www.taapcs.ca](http://www.taapcs.ca)). Or you can reach out to our member schools – you can find a list of Public Charters and the types of programs they offer on the TAAPCS site.



**TAAPCS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**When:** Friday, Oct. 27 and Saturday, Oct. 28, 2017

**Where: Accommodation & Meetings\***

Chateau Nova Yellowhead  
 13920 Yellowhead Trail  
 Edmonton, AB

**What: Banquet Annual General Meeting**

Friday 6:00 p.m. Breakfast: 7:45 a.m. Meeting: 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
 Saturday

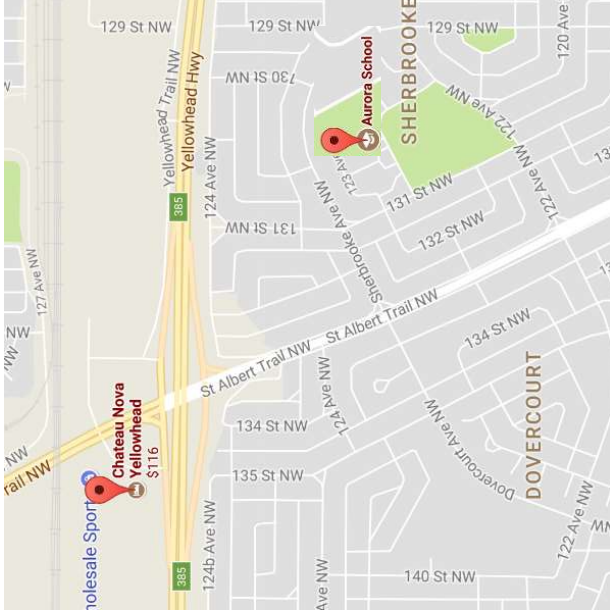
**Volunteers:** Entertainment – Mother Earth’s Children’s Charter School  
 Door Prizes – New Horizons School  
 School Spotlight/Research Report – CAPE School

**RSVP:** To Meredith Poole [meredith.poole@ffca-calgary.com](mailto:meredith.poole@ffca-calgary.com) by **Oct. 13, 2017**  
 (Please complete and return form below for all attendees from your school.)

**\*Please note that space has been allocated at Aurora all day Friday to accommodate the TAAPCS Superintendents’ meeting with DM Clarke, lunch with the Deputy, and the subsequent meeting of Superintendents only.**

Regards, Dianne

**Meeting Attendance and Meal Requirements – Name of School:** \_\_\_\_\_



Name of Attendee	Position	Check all that apply (v)			Dietary Restrictions? Please specify
		Friday Banquet	Saturday Breakfast	Saturday Lunch	



**Jill Weiss**  
Chair – Board of Directors  
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September 17, 2017

The Honorable David Eggen  
Minister of Education  
228 Legislature Building  
10800 – 97 Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Minister Eggen:

In response to your email request of August 11, 2017, with respect to the draft school fees policy of the New Horizons Charter School Board of Directors, enclosed please find the following:

- Board of Directors of the New Horizons Charter School Society – Policy #209 (School Fees), as approved by the Board of Directors on September 13, 2017.
- New Horizons School – Administrative Procedure #209 (School Fees), as reviewed by the Board of Directors on September 13, 2017.
- New Horizons School – Application for Waiver of Fees document, as made available to the parents of New Horizons School.

I trust that, collectively, these documents will fulfill the requirements outlined in your email request of August 11.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jill Weiss", is written over a horizontal line.

Jill Weiss – Chair, Board of Directors

Attachments (3)