

NEW HORIZONS CHARTER SCHOOL SOCIETY
MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Board

Date: March 18, 2020

Initials: Chair _____

Approved: DRAFT

Recorded By: A. DeJong

Secretary _____

March 18, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present at Call to Order:

Dan Hanson
ACTING CHAIR

Vincent Tong
TREASURER

Shari Morin
SECRETARY

Chris Burrows
DIRECTOR

Jason Clarke
DIRECTOR

Ijeoma Ukiwe
DIRECTOR

Administration Present:

Dean Lindquist
SUPERINTENDENT

Patti Dundas
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Ted Zarowny
PRINCIPAL

Members Present:

1. Call to Order

Chair Hanson called the virtual meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

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, 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

Director Clarke put forward a request to add videoconference ability to the agenda as outlined in the following motion:

Motion 2020-03-18-01

Moved that the Board of Directors approve the full participation, including voting rights, of remote Board Members who may join Board Meetings of the New Horizons Charter School Society via videoconference or teleconference as provided by the Board of Directors and that such participation will count towards quorum. Further

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the Board recognizes this motion will stand until the next AGM, or until such time as the Board adopts an official Policy for remote participation in Board Meetings, whichever comes first.

*Moved: Director Burrows
Seconded: Director Morin
Carried*

Motion 2020-03-18-02 Moved that the agenda for the Board Meeting of March 18, 2020 be adopted as amended.

*Moved: Director Tong
Seconded: Director Morin
Carried*

4. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest:

None

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Minutes of February 12, 2020

Motion 2020-03-18-02 Moved that the Board Meeting minutes of February 12, 2020 be approved as presented.

*Moved: Director Morin
Seconded: Director Ukiwe
Carried*

6. Administration Reports

6.1 Principal's Report

Principal Zarowny provided a brief update on the school's responses to the COVID-19 situation. There are many challenges but plans are coming together and the staff is responding well to the new reality of virtual learning.

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6.2 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lindquist spoke to the Superintendent's Report, including the COVID-19 situation and the funding framework as distributed by email and shared virtually during the meeting. Discussion followed.

Action Item: The Advocacy Committee will create and share an advocacy document outlining what Charter schools are and where the gaps exist between charter schools and other public schools in the province. The document will also include highlights from the Capital Plan for 2021/22 to 2023/24.

7. Board Reports

7.1 Board Chair's Report

No report.

7.2 Committee Reports

There was discussion about distributing the Board survey amidst the current changes. Consensus was that the survey could still be shared.

Action: The Survey Committee will proceed to distribute the survey and collect responses from parents and students via electronic means. Timing of the survey will be shared at the next Board meeting.

Action: The Policy committee has expectation of meeting soon and addressing a number of policy related items requiring discussion and/or update.

8. New Business

8.1 Three-Year Capital Plan 2020-23

Superintendent Lindquist spoke to the Three Year Capital Plan for 2020-23 as included in the agenda package. Discussion followed.

Motion 2020-03-18-03 Moved that the Three Year Capital Plan 2021/22 to 2023/24 be accepted as presented.

*Moved: Director Clark
Seconded: Director Burrows
Carried*

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8.2 Revisit 2020-21 School Calendar

Superintendent Lindquist spoke to the revised proposed School Calendar for 2020-21 as included in the agenda package. Discussion followed.

Motion 2020-03-18-04 Moved that the revised calendar for the 2020-21 school year be approved as presented and reflect the administration recommendation of including a PD day on January 29, 2021, an instructional day on February 12, 2021 and the last day of school for students being June 24, 2021 with staff finishing on June 25, 2021.

*Moved: Director Ukiwe
Seconded: Director Clark
Carried*

8.3 Signing Authority

Superintendent Lindquist spoke to revising signing authority at the bank. Discussion followed.

Motion 2020-03-18-05 Moved that Tracy Leigh be replaced by Patti Dundas as signing authority, effective March 2, 2020.

*Moved: Director Tong
Seconded: Director Clark
Carried*

8.4 2020-21 Funding Framework

Superintendent Lindquist spoke to the 2020-21 Funding Framework during the Superintendent Report, agenda item 6.2.

9. Board Work Plan

The Board reviewed the Work Plan for 2019-20, as included the agenda package. Superintendent Lindquist invited Board members to email suggested or recommended changes for future years.

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

10.1 Funding and Framework Discussion

Superintendent Lindquist spoke to communication received from the TAAPCS Communication Committee regarding the impact of the October 24, 2019 and February 27, 2020 Budgets on Alberta Charter Schools.

11. Receipt of Reports

Motion 2020-03-18-06

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

Moved: Director Burrows

Seconded: Director Clark

Carried

12. Correspondence Sent

- None

13. Correspondence Received

13.1 Modular Classroom Request (email)

13.2 School Board Reserves and TEBA (email)

14. In Camera

In camera minutes recorded by Secretary Morin

Motion to Move into Camera:

Motion 2020-03-18-07

Moved that the meeting move in camera at 8:49 pm.

Moved: Director Ukiwe

Seconded: Director Morin

Carried

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Motion to Move Out of Camera:

Motion 2020-03-18-08 Moved that the meeting move out of camera at 8:52 p.m.

Moved: Director Clarke

Seconded: Director Burrows

Carried

15. New Business (con't)

15.1 Matters Arising from In Camera Meeting

Motion 2020-03-18-09 Moved that the contract of employment for the following employee be ratified:

- Employee #0305*
- Employee #0306*

Moved: Director Burrows

Seconded: Director Clarke

Carried

16. Adjournment

Chair Hanson adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: April 22, 2020 7:00 p.m.