

A unique feature of charter schools is the requirement to have a volunteer Board of Directors. As the governance body for the school, the Board sets direction, formulates policy, and makes decisions required of it in the School Act, the New Horizons School Charter and the Society's bylaws.

Service on the Board is a tremendous opportunity to become involved in and learn about the education of students in our school and across the province. All members of the New Horizons Charter School Society are encouraged to give serious consideration to giving their time to the worthy and rewarding position of Board director.

Board directors are of students at the school, by attending meetings, making decisions regarding school. No special required - just a dedication



volunteers, usually parents who serve a two-year term discussing issues, and governance matters for the experience or background is to the success of the school.

Major responsibilities of the Board of Directors include:

- Provide overall governance of and direction to the school.
- Meet Alberta Education requirements: school budget, Annual Education Results Report, Three-Year Education Plan, audited financial statement.
- Initiate, review, and monitor Board policies.
- Consider educational matters initiated and recommended to the Board by the administration.
- Negotiate collective agreement with the Alberta Teachers' Association.
- Engage parents, students, and staff in meaningful consultations regarding priorities and direction at the school.

The Board of Directors is accountable to the New Horizons Charter School Society and, through the School Act and the School Charter, to the Minister of Education.

The structure of the Board is outlined in the Society bylaws and consists of:

- A maximum of seven directors.
- Four officer positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer.
- Committees: Audit, Personnel, Policy, Public Relations, Survey.

Board directors are expected to be prepared for and attend approximately ten regular public meetings each year, at which the superintendent, secretary-treasurer, and principal provide reports to the Board and any timely issues of concern to the Board are discussed. Committees may be struck to deal with regular or emergent issues under the Board's responsibility. Board directors may also participate in meetings with other charter school boards and administration, and with representatives or officials from provincial and municipal governments.