

NEW HORIZONS CHARTER SCHOOL SOCIETY
MINUTES

Type of Meeting: Board

Date: Sept. 23, 2020

Initials: Chair _____

Approved: FINAL

Recorded By: A. DeJong

Secretary _____

September 23, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

Board Members Present at Call to Order:

Dan Hanson

Jason Clarke

Shari Morin

Vincent Tong

Chris Burrows

Administration Present:

Dean Lindquist
SUPERINTENDENT

Patti Dundas
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Ted Zarowny
PRINCIPAL

Members Present:

Courteney Robson

Kacey Kilback

Sarah Fairfull

1. Call to Order

Chair Hanson called the virtual meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and made opening remarks.

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

Two items were added to the agenda:

- Adoption of the June 17, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes (item #5)
- Provincial Achievement Tests (item #8.3)

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Motion 2020-09-23-01 Moved that the agenda for the Board Meeting of September 23, 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 June 17, 2020

Motion 2020-09-23-02 Moved that the Board Meeting minutes of June 17, 2020 be approved as presented.

*Moved: Director Clarke
Seconded: Director Morin
Carried*

6. Administration Reports

6.1 Principal's Report

Principal Zarowny provided a summary of the return to school. The staggered start was well received and worked well. Overall, the new processes are working and it's been a smooth start. Students are happy to be back and the overall atmosphere is happy and positive. Approximately 50 students are working remotely. Discussion followed.

6.2 Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Dundas provided an update on the CMR Stimulus Funding, COVID-19 Budget and the interim financial audit as included in the agenda package. Discussion followed.

6.3 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Lindquist provided an update on COVID-19 School Re-entry and 2020-21 Enrollment as included in the agenda package. Discussion followed.

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7. Board Reports

7.1 Board Chair's Report

Chair Hanson provided a brief summary of the virtual parent meetings held over the summer and offered appreciation to board members, administration and staff for all the efforts related to the pandemic and the re-entry plan.

7.2 Committee Reports

Policy Committee

Director Clarke shared that the committee has not met but indicated that an agenda is nearly complete and that a meeting is planned for the near future. Board members are invited to forward discussion items to Director Clarke.

Survey Committee

No report.

Finance and Audit Committee

Director Tong provided a summary of the committee meeting with representatives of Yaremchuk & Annicchiarico prior to the interim audit completed in August as well as the recent budget update meeting with Secretary-Treasurer Dundas.

Public Relations

The draft communications and advocacy document has been shared with Board members, feedback should be forwarded to Chair Hanson.

Personnel

Discussions with the ATA regarding the Collective Agreement are set to occur later in the year.

8. New Business

8.1 Federal COVID-19 Support Funding

Superintendent Lindquist and Secretary-Treasurer Dundas provided information and update on federal COVID-19 Support Funding, as included in the agenda package. Discussion followed.

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8.2 Board Elections and Fall Series of Board and Society Meetings

Superintendent Lindquist spoke to the Board elections and to the upcoming SGM and AGM meetings as previously scheduled. Details are included in the agenda package. Discussion followed.

8.3 Provincial Achievement Tests

Superintendent Lindquist indicated that NHCSS has been asked to advise Alberta Education whether or not students will be writing provincial achievement tests. Administration is recommending that NHCSS students not participate in the provincial testing. Discussion followed. Consensus to add the discussion item to the agenda for the next Board meeting.

9. Board Work Plan

9.1 Draft Board Work Plan 2020-21

Superintendent Lindquist presented the draft Board Work Plan for 2020-21, as included in the agenda package. Discussion followed.

Motion 2020-09-23-03 Moved that the draft Board Work Plan be approved as presented.

Moved: Director Burrows

Seconded: Director Clarke

Carried

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

No report.

11. Receipt of Reports

Motion 2020-09-23-04 Moved that all reports be received as presented during the meeting.

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Seconded: Director Morin

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12. Correspondence Sent

None

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13. Correspondence Received

- 13.1 Minister Return to School Email
- 13.2 CMOH Order
- 13.3 Ministry of Education 2019-20 Annual Report
- 13.4 TAAPCS Letter to ADM re: SLS Funding

14. Round Table Discussion

No discussion.

15. In Camera

Motion 2020-09-23-05 Moved that the meeting move in camera at 9:00 p.m.

*Moved: Director Morin
Seconded: Director Burrows
Carried*

Motion to Move Out of Camera:

Motion 2020-09-23-06 Moved that the meeting move out of camera at 9:15 p.m.

*Moved: Director Clarke
Seconded: Director Morin
Carried*

16. New Business (con't)

16.1 Matters Arising from In Camera Meeting

Motion 2020-09-23-07 Moved that the contract of employment for the following employees be ratified:

- *Employee #0310*
- *Employee #0312*

*Moved: Director Burrows
Seconded: Director Morin
Carried*

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Motion 2020-09-23-09 Moved to approve the appointment of Rob Rizzo from Yaremchuk & Annicchiarico LLP as the auditor for 2019-20 year.

Moved: Director Clarke

Seconded: Director Tong

Carried

17. Adjournment

Chair Hanson adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.

Next Board Meeting: October 7, 2020