

**SUZUKI CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday November 26, 2020 – 5 p.m.**  
**Via ZOOM due to COVID-19**

**Please note the meeting was be recorded.**

**Present: Treena Gish, Frank Doruiter, Jen Garrison, Nicole Palmer, James Garrison, Tara Beland and Eric Taub.**

**Administration: Lynne Paradis, Heather Christison and Karen Spencer**

**Public Members: None**

1. Call to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chair Nicole Palmer
2. Approval of agenda.

**Motion: 20:58 Moved by Jen Garrison that the Board approve the agenda as circulated.**  
**APPROVED**

3. Approval of the minutes from the October 15th, 2020 Board meeting.

**Motion: 20:59 Moved by Eric Taub that the Board approve the minutes from the October 15th, 2020 Board meeting as circulated.**  
**APPROVED**

4. Reports
  - Board Chair
  - Superintendent – see attached
  - Secretary Treasurer – see attached
  - Bursary Committee reported by Bursary Committee Chair Jen Garrison, the bursary activities for the 2019-2020 year.

**Motion: 20:60 Moved by James Garrison that the Board accepts the Board Chair, Superintendent, Secretary Treasurer and Bursary Committee reports as presented.**  
**APPROVED**

5. The Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools. (TAAPCS).  
Nicole Palmer provided the board with a summary of TAAPCS activities which included:
  - Annual General Meeting (AGM) of TAAPCS was held on October 24, 2020 (via Zoom). The AGM was well attended and there was good discuss. The membership made two resolutions which addressed Alberta Education’s decision to add evaluations of charter schools at year four and eight, (in addition to the year twelve) to those charter schools that hold a 15-year charter. TAAPCS membership believes there has been insufficient consultation with charter schools and made a motion to direct the Executive Director to request a meeting with the Deputy Minister of Education to propose a delay in



additional evaluations and request the ministry work with TAAPCS to clarify the process and framework regarding additional evaluation.

- TAAPCS Superintendents have met with the Deputy Minister and the concept of additional evaluations for charter schools has been suspended until representatives from TAAPCS and Alberta Education can meet and clarify purpose and framework.
- TAAPCS Superintendents also spoke to the Deputy Minister regarding Alberta School Council Association approving removing charter schools school council from their membership and the student learning supports (SLS) funding. No decision has been made regarding the SLS funding to date.
- Alberta School Council Association (ASCA) held their AGM and made a motion to remove charter schools school councils from their membership. Andrew Chu, a parent council chair from Foundation for the Future Charter is working with other charter school parents and parent councils of charter schools to education and advocate ASCA to include charter schools in their membership.
- TAAPCS Priorities Committee will be circulating their meeting minutes to Board Chairs in an increase communication.

6. The Annual Education Results Report 2019-2020 and the Three-Year Education Plan 2020-2021 to 2022-2023 (AERR)

The Annual Education Plan and Results Report (AERR) must be submitted to Alberta Education by November 30, 2020. The board has been provided drafts of the plan at the September and October 2020 board meetings for feedback. The attached documents include all the changes that have been suggested.

**Motion: 20:61 Moved by Treena Gish that the Board approves The Annual Education Results Report 2019-2020 and the Three-Year Education Plan 2020-2021 to 2022-2023 (AERR) with the following changes;**

**Page 4 issues and opportunities bullet 5 - *Increasing music performance opportunities with adjustments to online opportunities with consideration to government guidelines.***

**Page 19 – second paragraph under the table, add at the beginning of the sentence “*Due to the impact of Covid 19 and the closure of the school in March 2020*”**

**APPROVED**

7. SCSS Board Professional Development Plan (PDP) for the 2020-2021 year.

The Board has chosen the book “Dare to Lead” for their professional development for the 2020-2021 year. Treena Gish provided the board with a schedule and topics for discussions at board meeting beginning at the January 14, 2021 board meeting. Director Gish will circulate the schedule to the board members.



**Motion: 20:62 Moved by Jen Garrison that the board accept the Human Resources Committee's Board professional development schedule for the 2020-2021 year as presented.**

**APPROVED**

8. Audited Financial Statements (AFS).  
Secretary Treasurer Christison presented the AFS for the year ending August 31, 2020.

**Motion: 20:63 Moved by Eric Taub that the board accepts the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2020 as presented.**

**APPROVED**

9. Fall Update Budget 2020 -2021.  
The Finance committee presented the Draft Fall 2020-2021 Update Budget to the board and answer questions.

**Motion: 20:64 Moved by Jen Garrison that the board approves Transportation Grants to Parents to be set at \$520.00 per student for the 2020-2021 school year for student that qualify for the grant as per Alberta Education Act and are attending school in person. The Transportation Grant to Parents for students that qualify and are at home learners will receive \$104.00 (20%) of the transportation grant. If an at home learner returns to in school learning during the school year, the parent will receive additional funds prorated for the number of months the student returns to in school learning.**

**APPROVED**

**Motion: 20:65 Moved by Tara Beland that the board approves the Fall 2020 expenditure budget in the amount of \$3,753,155.00. The board is fully aware this is a deficit budget. The board approves the use of \$180,620.00 from the accumulated surplus from operating to be used for the shortfall.**

**APPROVED**

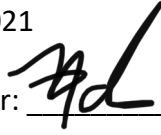
10. Board Work Plan- attached.  
11. Correspondence – none.  
12. Comments from parents, staff and public- none.



13. Adjournment at 6:37 p.m.

Approve by Board Motion on January 14, 2021

Signature of Nicole Palmer, SCSS Board Chair:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'NP', written over a horizontal line.

Signature of Heather Christison, Secretary Treasurer:

Heather Christison