

**SUZUKI CHARTER SCHOOL SOCIETY
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

Via Zoom

Thursday March 18th, 2021

6 p.m.

Please note the meeting was recorded.

Present: Treena Gish, Frank Doruiter, Jen Garrison, Nicole Palmer, James Garrison, Tara Beland and Jenelle Clark.

Administration: Lynne Paradis and Heather Christison

Public Members: Alana Prins-Finley, Danielle Garden and Suzanna So

1. Call to order at 6:07 p.m. by Chair Palmer.

2. Approval of agenda.

Motion 21:12 Moved by Treena Gish that the Board approve the agenda as circulated.

APPROVED

3. Approval of the minutes from the February 18th, 2021 Board meeting.

Motion: 21:13 Moved by James Garrison that the Board approve the minutes from the February 18th, 2021 Board meeting as circulated.

APPROVED

4. Reports

- Board Chair – no report
- Superintendent – see attached
- Secretary Treasurer – see attached

Motion: 21:14 Moved by Frank Doruiter that the Board accepts the Board Chair, Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer reports as presented.

APPROVED

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

Director James Garrison reported to the board with a summary of TAAPCS Priorities committee met twice in the last month.

- Feb 25, 2021 meeting, items discussed
 - SLS funding, Assurance Model and Superintendent compensation. SLA funding – with each change of government there seems to be a need to



inform Alberta Education on the issues charter schools face and the lack of equitable funding charter schools receive.

- SLS funding will be based on WMA and no board will receive less funding than in the 2020-2021 year.
- New schools for Calgary Arts Academy and the francophone school in Sherwood Park will new school built. Currently the francophone school is sharing space with New Horizons Charter School.

- March 16th – the committee was given a summary of the March 9, 2021 meeting held with Charter Schools from the southern part of the province and the Minister of Education. The Minister informed the boards a third party to be hired to review the students within charter schools and the student profiles in reference to SLS funding. Additionally, Alberta Education will be moving forward with evaluations of charters that have 15-year charters in their fourth and eighth years.

6. Student Learning Supports Funding (SLS) for Charter Schools.

Superintendent Paradis informed the board she has spoken to the Deputy Minister on several occasions in recent weeks regarding our request to change the SLS for Charter Schools.

Dr. Paradis has asked the Deputy Minister to please keep in mind when comparing a large district to a small district consideration needs to make for the cost of running a school/jurisdiction. Dr. Paradis added that choices for parents in education are in place however charter schools continue to have to fight for funding for our students.

Director Gish and Director Jen Garrison provided an update with their recent meeting with MLA Marlin Schmidt on March 1, 2021. MLA Schmidt was not aware of the differences in SLS funding between charter schools and traditional public school. Director Gish and Garrison explained the differences and provided MLA with some background information.

7. Draft Bylaws – attached

The Governance Committee will provide the board with draft bylaws and for consideration. The draft Bylaws are scheduled to be presented to the Suzuki Charter School Society's membership at the May 20,2021 Annual General Meeting (AGM) for consideration.

Motion: 21:15 Moved by Tara Beland that the board approves the draft SCSS Bylaws to be circulated to the SCSS membership for consideration at the SCSS AGM on May 20,2021.

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8. Status of at Home Learning for the 2021-2022 school year.



Dr. Paradis will discuss at home learning in light of current information of the pandemic. At this time we do not have sufficient information on the status of pandemic or school finances to make an informed decision on the status of on line at home supported learning in September 2021. This issue will be reviewed again in late May when more information is available to our school.

9. Board Work Plan – see attached

10. Correspondence – see attached

11. Comments from parents, staff and public.

- Questions from parent Alana Prins-Finley regarding School Council and how parents can get involved. Dr. Paradis informed Mrs. Prins-Finley that Chris Baptiste is the School Council chair.

12. In camera.

Motion 21:16 Moved by Treena Gish that the board move in camera.

APPROVED TIME 7:12 pm.

Motion 21:17 Moved by Jen Garrison to move back into a public meeting.

APPROVED TIME 7:24 p.m.

13. Adjournment at 7.24 p.m.

Approve by Board Motion on April 22, 2021.

Signature of Nicole Palmer, SCSS Board Chair:



Signature of Heather Christison, Secretary Treasurer:

Heather Christison