

**BOARD NOTES  
SEPTEMBER 2019  
SUZUKI CHARTER SCHOOL**

Following are the highlights of the September 12, 2019 meeting of the School Board:

1. Alberta Education  
An update of government matters over the summer were reviewed including the release of the new School Act and supporting regulations, Charter School guidelines, delay of curriculum implementation, status of budget delay until October and plans for information sessions throughout the fall for school boards to provide input into a variety of emergent issues. The Board Chair extended an invitation for Education Minister Adrianna LaGrange to meet with the Suzuki School Board in the fall and details are to be finalized.
2. School CASINO fundraiser  
Committee Chair, Boris Vidal, shared the need for many volunteers to assist with the October 10 and 11, 2019 casino. Funds from the Casino go towards supporting the music program are essential to the operation of the school music program.
3. The Association of Alberta Charter Schools  
The fall general meeting is scheduled for October 25/26 In Calgary. Advocacy for Charter Schools is one of the focus areas of this association which presents information to the Ministry of Education and the public on the role and value of Charter Schools.
4. Junior High Program Transition  
Extensive planning has been completed on changes to the existing grade six academic and music program to provide students with experiences in preparation for junior high including an enriched music program focussed on high levels of student engagement and developed with adolescent interest levels reflected in learning activities. Student learning activities include upcoming master music classes, a student retreat and production of music selections for entry into the CBC Canadian Music Class Challenge.
5. Committee Assignments  
Board Directors volunteered for various committee openings and all positions were filled as follows:
  - Finance – Frank Doruiter (Chair), Trena Gish and Boris Vidal
  - Casino – Trena Gish (Chair) Boris Vidal, Eric Taub and James Garrison
  - Bursary – Jen Garrison (Chair), Ehsanul Haque, Tara Beland
  
  - Policy and bylaw review – Nicole Palmer (Chair), Frank Doruiter and James Garrison

- Human Resources Committee – Boris Vidal (Chair) and Nicole Palmer
- Staff Recognition – Tara Beland (Chair) Eric Taub and Ehsanul Haque
- The Association of Alberta Public Charter School: Jen Garrison and Ehsanul Haque

#### 6. School Opening

The first two weeks of school has gone smoothly and 331 students are enrolled (highest student enrolment in Suzuki history). The full day, half time kindergarten program in the first year of operation is reporting high satisfaction levels. The school music program began on September 9.

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