

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

Via Zoom

Thursday February 18th, 2021

Please note the meeting was recorded.

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

Administration: Lynne Paradis, Heather Christison

Public Members: Alana Prins-Finley, Danielle Garden and Brendan Finley.

1. Call to order at 6:05 pm by Chair Palmer.

2. Approval of agenda.

Motion: 21:06 Moved by Eric Taub that the Board approve the agenda as circulated.

APPROVED

3. Approval of the minutes from the January 14, 2021 Board meeting. (E)

Motion: 21:07 Moved by Jenelle Clark that the Board approve the minutes from the January 14, 2021 Board meeting as circulated.

APPROVED

4. Reports

- Board Chair.

The Board Chair wrote a letter to the Minister on February 16, 2021 and emailed it to the Minister. Attached is a copy of the letter. Chair Palmer called the Minister's office today and was told the Minister has seen the letter and she will respond shortly.

- Superintendent - attached
- Secretary Treasurer - attached

Motion: 21:08 Moved by Treena Gish that the Board accepts the Board Chair, Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer reports as presented.

APPROVED

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

Chair Palmer reported that TAAPS' Priorities committee met on Jan 26, 2021. Regarding the Charter Assurance and Accountability, there is still a push by Alberta Education to have some kind of review in the 4th and 8th years. The position of TAAPCS is that information



required or sought by Alberta Education could be met by existing education reports. Two memos were also put together to bring to the meeting with the DM one regarding SLS funding and one regarding Superintendent salary caps. Content of the memos is somewhat sensitive and will stay with the superintendents at this time. Currently there is no date for the upcoming meeting with the DM (nothing has been set up). The Advocacy committee reported that they submitted 5 resolutions. Regarding board development Becky Kallal will be booked for an upcoming PD session open to all charter boards. There will also be an upcoming PD session on diversity and inclusion.

6. Student Learning Supports Funding (SLS) for Charter Schools.
Superintendent Paradis provided the board with documents which clearly show the significant differences between SLS funding for Charter Schools and SLS funding for Public Schools. Dr. Paradis provided the board with a summary of meetings, phone calls and emails she has had with Alberta Education, the Deputy Minister of Education and The Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools.

Motion: 21:09 Moved by Jen Garrison moved that the board is supportive of encouraging parents to advocate to government the need for equitable funding for Student Learning Support funding. The board will make information regarding Suzuki Charter School SLS funding available to parents. Additionally, the Board will provide the comparative SLS funding for charter schools compared to funding for Public and Francophone Schools.
APPROVED

7. Draft 2021-2022 School Calendar. See attached.
Approval of the school calendar is the responsibility of the SCSS board. The administration team developed a draft calendar for the board's consideration.

Motion: 21:10 Moved by James Garrison that the board approves the Suzuki Charter School 2021-2022 school calendar as presented.
APPROVED

8. Utilization of Instructional Fees. See attached.
Senior Admin present to the Board a cost summary of the proposed projected expenditures and projected Instructional Fees paid by parents for the 2020-2021. In the spring of 2020, the school administration, in consultation with certificated teachers, developed a plan for student field trips for the 2020-2021 school year. Due to Covid protocols, many of the school's planned field trips have been cancelled and the school administration and staff have reevaluated the spring plan and modified the field trip plan for the 2020-2021. The new plan includes numerous in school field trips and two Artist in Residencies which are available to both in school and at home learners.

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Senior Administration in consultation with the School Admin has reviewed the Instructional Fees planned expenditures for the 2020-2021 school year and based on the review have included a new category “**Technology Improvements**”. The school has purchased 108 new chrome books and carts to increase student ratios of devices for in school learners and to lend devices to at home learners.

Senior Admin is recommending to the Board for consideration, the school be permitted to include a portion of the costs of these devices under the Instructional Fee expenditures. There would be no increases to parents, only a change in the approved areas of spending

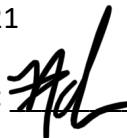
Motion 21:11: Moved by Jenelle Clark that the school is permitted to include a portion of the costs of the addition technology which will replace the costs of field trips under “Instructional Fee” expenditures. There will be no increases to parents, only a change in the approved areas of spending. The Board Chair and Superintendent will communication this change to parents.

APPROVED

9. Board Evaluation. The board evaluation has been circulated for review. Chair Palmer and Vice Chair Gish informed the board of the process and informed the board the evaluation will be emailed to board members and in turn board members will return the completed forms to the Secretary Treasurer to be collated. The board will discuss the completed board evaluation prior to the March 18, 2021 board meeting. The board plans to present the evaluation at the public April 22, 2021 board meeting.
10. Board Work Plan. Attached.
11. Correspondence. Attached.
12. Comments from parents, staff and public. None.
13. In camera, if required.
14. Adjournment at 7:57 p.m.

Approve by Board Motion on March 18th, 2021

Signature of Nicole Palmer, SCSS Board Chair:



Signature of Heather Christison, Secretary Treasurer: Heather Christison