

SUZUKI CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday January 11th, 2021

Via ZOOM due to COVID-19

Please note the meeting was recorded.

Present: Nicole Palmer, Treena Gish, James Garrison, Jenelle Clark, Melissa Rothwell, Christine Garcia, Eric Taub, Tara Beland

Administration: Lynne Paradis, Judith Mbeleke

Parent: Alice Chow

At Suzuki Charter School we acknowledge that we are on Treaty No. 6 territory, a traditional meeting grounds, gathering place, and travelling route to the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene and Nakota Sioux. We acknowledge all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries. We also wish to honor the Elders, Knowledge Keepers and traditionalists who have gone before us and those who continue to walk with us today.

1. Call to order at 6:01p.m. by Board Chair Palmer.
2. Approval of agenda.

Recommendation: The Board approve the agenda as circulated.

Motion: 21:66: Moved by Jenelle Clark that The Board approve of the agenda as presented.

APPROVED.

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

Recommendation: The Board approve the minutes from the December 14th, 2021, Board meeting as circulated.

Motion: 21:67: Moved by James Garrison that The Board approve the minutes from the December 14th, 2021, Board Meeting as circulated.

APPROVED

4. Reports

- Superintendent



The Superintendent provided an overview and summary of the Covid with respect to the Omicron variant and the impact on the school's operations.

5. Covid-19 Updates

The Superintendent provided latest updates from the government and led a discussion on the current Covid-19 pandemic with emphasis on the Omicron variant. A few factors were raised for consideration by the Board in the event schools had to go online or faced major setbacks to their ability to continue with in person classes. These included:

The possibility of establishing a staff backup list to be on standby in the event most teaching staff fell sick.

The possibility to transition some teaching staff to on-line instruction from home if needed. Putting parents on notice that students might have to be transitioned to on-line learning at very short notice.

Recommendation: The Board approves the changes (if any) to the covid risk management plan as presented.

There was no change to the school's current Risk Management plan.

6. SLS funding review update.

The Superintendent provided an update to The Board on the SLS funding review process. Comparator schools had been identified by Alberta Education to serve as the basis for comparison to Charter Schools to establish the fact that Charter Schools faced inequity in funding compared to Public and Catholic schools.

However, after review of the schools used as comparator it was identified that the comparisons were erroneous as Charter Schools are founded on a completely unique set of philosophies and comparing to a regular school will not result in a fair outcome.

7. Date for the next Board Meeting.

February 15th, 2022

8. Board Work Plan. (E)


9. Comments from parents, staff and public – None.


10. In camera (Land, Labor, Legal/Law) – Not required.



11. Adjournment – 6 ;46p.m. by Board Chair Palmer.

Approve by Board Motion on February 15th, 2022.

Signature of Nicole Palmer, SCSS Board Chair:  _____

Signature of Judith Mbeleke, Secretary Treasurer:  _____