

SUZUKI CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday February 15th, 2022 @ 6:00pm

Via ZOOM due to COVID-19

Please note the meeting was recorded.

Present: Nicole Palmer, Treena Gish, Jenelle Clark, Melissa Rothwell, Christine Garcia, Eric Taub.
Administration: Lynne Paradis, Judith Mbeleke
Parent: Susanna So.

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 6:00pm by Board Chair Palmer.
2. Approval of agenda.

Recommendation: That the Board approve the agenda as circulated.

**Motion: 21:68: Moved by Eric Taub that The Board approve of the agenda as presented.
APPROVED.**

3. Approval of the minutes of the January 11th, 2022, Board meeting. (E)

Recommendation: The Board approve the minutes from the January 11th, 2022, Board meeting as circulated.

**Motion: 21:69: Moved by Jenelle Clark that The Board approve the minutes from the January 11th, 2022, Board meeting as circulated.
APPROVED.**

4. Reports

- Board Chair
- Superintendent (E)
- Secretary Treasurer (E)

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Recommendation: The Board accepts the Board Chair, Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer reports as presented.

Motion: 21:70: 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)
The Superintendent provided the board with an update on the on the activities TAAPCS including recent meetings with the Ministry on Capital funding, new start up processes for Charter Schools and concerns with the current school grants funding processes and a revised approach for TAAPCS meetings with Board Chairs.

Discussions centered around the critical need for capital funding and the associated constraints on the inaccessibility to IMR funding and other capital grants for Charter Schools. Charter schools' inability to access other grants like the nutrition, and rural school grants have all contributed to limit expansion and growth of Charter schools.

6. Covid-19 Risk Management Plan
The Superintendent provided latest updates from the government to the Board on the state of the pandemic and the impact on staffing and student attendance so far. A discussion by the Board ensued on the government's decision to uplift masking requirements for students in school in addition to uplifting other Covid-19 restrictions and the impact to the school's Risk Management plan.

The recommendation to the Board was to continue mandatory Covid-19 testing in school for unvaccinated employees under the mandatory vaccination policy up until including February 28th. Thereafter employees can continue testing at home using the government provided Covid-19 home testing kit starting March 1st and ending March 18th when the program was scheduled to close.

Recommendation: That the Board approves the changes to the Covid-19 risk management plan as presented.

Motion: 21:71: Moved by Melissa Rothwell that the Board approves the changes to the Covid-19 risk management plan as presented.

APPROVED.

7. SLS funding



The Superintendent provided updates to The Board on the SLS funding review process. The consultants having completed their interviews with school representatives and reviewed the full data package submitted by the school, a meeting to announce the final decision from the government was expected shortly.

8. Grade 9 expansion

The Secretary Treasurer provided an update on estimated quotes for furniture and equipment obtained for the Grade 9 expansion. As discussed in the November meeting the Board was going to revisit the issue of using donations funds (internally restricted surplus) for the expansion.

On further examination and discussion, the Board raised concerns with respect to the total cost of the project compared to the expected low enrollment number for the Grade 9 class. The recommendation was revised to have the Secretary Treasurer provide more accurate quotes directly from the vendors in March Board meeting.

Recommendation: That the Board approve the recommendation to have the Secretary Treasurer provide more accurate quotes directly from the vendors and have this item revisited in the March Board meeting

Motion: 21:72: Moved by Eric Taub that the Board approve the recommendation to have the Secretary Treasurer provide more accurate quotes directly from the vendors and have this item revisited in the March Board meeting.

APPROVED.

9. Date for the next Board Meeting.

March 8th, 2022

10. Board Work Plan. (E)

Board Chair Palmer laid out a Board Evaluation plan for 2022. Vice-Chair Gish will coordinate the process of sending out evaluation templates to Board members for completion and eventual submission.

11. Comments from parents, staff and public - None

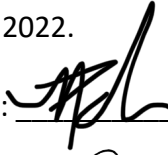
12. In camera (Land, Labor, Legal/Law) – Not required.



13. Adjournment at 7:32p.m. by Board Chair Palmer.

Approve by Board Motion on February 15th, 2022.

Signature of Nicole Palmer, SCSS Board Chair:

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Signature of Judith Mbeleke, Secretary Treasurer:

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