

**SUZUKI CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023**

Present: Nicole Palmer, Treena Gish, Eric Taub, Janelle Clark, Melissa Rothwell, Susanna So, Kimberly Poong, Tara Belland, Christine Garcia, Tara Belland, Cristina Zier (via zoom).

Administration: Dr. Lynne Paradis, Barb MacIntyre

Guests: Karen Spencer, Tannis Klassen

At Suzuki Charter School we acknowledge that we are on Treaty No. 6 territory, a traditional meeting grounds, gathering place, and traveling 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 5:32.
2. Approval of agenda.

**Motion 23:28: Moved by Eric Taub that the Board approve the agenda as circulated.
Approved.**

3. Approval of the minutes from the April 13, 2023, Board meeting.

**Motion 23:29: Moved by Susanna So that the Board approve the minutes from the April 13, 2023 board meeting.
Approved.**

4. Reports
 - Board Chair
 - Superintendent
 - Secretary Treasurer
 - Principal Spencer, JH and field trips
 - Strategic Planning Committee – summary with full report in June

**Motion 23:30: Moved by Janelle Clark that the Board accepts the reports as presented.
Approved.**

5. Junior High

Discussion on the future growth of Junior High and benefits to transition to a Middle school approach.

Motion 23:31: Moved by Janelle Clark that the Board support a middle school collegiate philosophy and includes Grade 6-9 beginning September 2023.

Approved.

6. Finance Committee

The chair of the Finance Committee provided an overview of the budget and addressed questions about changes in funding from the province and anticipated expenditures for the coming year.

Motion 23:32: Moved by Treena Gish to accept the budget as presented with an understanding that if new information is received by the Secretary Treasurer or AB ED to adjust enrolment or revenue that the ST make the changes and notify the board chair and Finance committee Chair.

Approved.

7. Governance Committee

Nothing to report.

8. AGM

Invitations were extended to all stakeholders to attend the meeting in person or via Zoom. Parents were encouraged to consider board director involvement.

9. Staff Appreciation

The Chair of the committee, Tara Belland provided an update on the event being held Friday, June 2.

10. Principal Search

The Superintendent outlined the process utilized and notified the board that the position had been offered to Tannis Klassen. A welcome to Tannis was extended.

11. Leadership Pool

The Superintendent shared the plan for a Leadership Pool initiative to encourage leadership development within existing faculty. The possibility of merging with other charter schools in the Edmonton area is also being considered.

Motion 23:33: Moved by Christina Garcia that the board support the implementation of a leadership pool initiative beginning in September 2023.

Approved.

12. TAAPCS

The Board Chair shared developments from the recent special meeting of TAAPCS. There will be a spring general meeting of TAAPCS June 10.

13. Education Plan

The draft education plan was reviewed by staff, parent council and school administration. Additions to the governance goals were presented by the Board Chair. Directors were invited to make additional suggestions to the priorities of the board for next year.

Motion 23:34: Moved by Kimberly Poong to approve the education plan as presented.

Approved.

14. Board Evaluation

The Board Vice-Chair, Treena Gish, reported on the Board evaluation.

Motion 23:35: Moved by Melissa Rothwell that the Board evaluation be accepted as presented.

Approved.

15. In camera (Land, Labor, Legal/Law) –

Motion 23:36: Moved by Susanna So to go in camera at 8:08.

Approved.

Motion 23:37: Moved by Eric Taub to come out of camera at 8:18.

Approved.

16. Superintendent Evaluation

The Board Chair will report on the Superintendent evaluation.

Motion 23:38: Moved by Melissa Rothwell that the Superintendent evaluation be accepted.


Approved.

Motion 23:39: Moved by Kimberly Poong that the reappointment of the Superintendent June 1, 2023 be approved.

Approved.

17. Dates for upcoming Board Meetings
June 17, Saturday, 9:30-12:00 - New Board Orientation
June 22, Thursday
18. Board Work Plan – updated
19. Correspondence.
20. Comments from parents, staff and public.
21. Adjournment at 8:55

Board Chair:



Secretary Treasurer:

