

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE SUZUKI CHARTER SCHOOL SOCIETY
Thursday November 17, 2011
6:00 p.m.

Present: **Board Members:** Doug Farris, Doug Skovberg, Tim Haysom, Monica McCormack, Darlene Wright, Brian Morrison, Jeff Chamberlin and Darren Oczkowski
Administration: Lee Lucente, Karen Spencer, Dale Szalacsi, Grazyna Sobieraj and Heather Christison

1. Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chair Doug Farris.
2. Approval of Agenda.
Motion: 11:55 Moved by Doug Skovberg and seconded by Brian Morrison that the agenda be approved with the addition of Recommendation of Guitar Group Teacher under Action Items, Playground Update under Information items.
APPROVED
3. Communication from the Chair. Capilano community league is moving forward on the playground project, more information will be provided under Information Items. On November 9th, 2011 Chair Doug Farris and Vice Chair Monica McCormack attended a government relations meeting along with representatives from Aurora, Boyle Street and Valhalla school. Bill McGregor, Chair of Foundations for the Future Charter and Garry Andrews, Executive Director from TAAPCS lead the discussion of "next steps".
4. Communication from the Superintendent – see attached. In addition Superintendent Lucente reported he spoke to staff at their staff meeting November 2, 2011 and informed them of the budget update recommendations the administration made to the board. When asked if the staff had any comments or questions they wanted to relay to the board, staff indicated that they would like pay parity with Edmonton Public and Edmonton Catholic Teachers.

Superintendent Lucente would like to move forward with the planning of the Visioning Day set for April 27, 2012. The mission and vision statements will be the focus of the day as well as the core values and a review of the charter mandate. Based on feedback from last year's whole day workshop, this upcoming workshop will be a half day with a board-sponsored lunch.

Motion: 11:56 Moved by Doug Skovberg and seconded by Brian Morrison that the Senior Administration move forward in planning the Board/Staff/Parent Workshop set for April 27, 2012.

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5. Administration Reports

- Principal's Report – see attached.
- Assistant Principal's Report- see attached.
- Music Director's Report – see attached.
- Secretary-Treasurer's Report –see attached.

6. Approval of the minutes from the October 27th, 2011 meeting.

Motion: 11- 57 Moved by Jeff Chamberlin and seconded by the Brian Morrison that the minutes of the October 27th, 2011 board meeting be approved.

APPROVED

7. Action Items:

Motion: 11-58 Moved by Doug Skovberg and seconded by Brian Morrison that the board move in camera. Time 6:40 p.m.

APPROVED

Motion: 11-59 Moved by Brian Morrison and seconded that the board move back into a public meeting. Time 8:25 p.m.

APPROVED

- Superintendent Evaluation – deferred to December 15th, 2011

- Combined Annual Education Results Report and Education Plan 2011-2014.

Motion: 11-60: Moved by Brian Morrison and seconded by Doug Skovberg that the board approve the Combined Annual Education Results Report and Education Plan 2011-2014.

APPROVED

Motion: 11-61: Moved by Doug Skovberg and seconded by Brian Morrison that the board approve the following decisions in regards to administration recommendations for the additional funding to be received from Alberta Education; decline recommendation #1; accept recommendation # 2 with the expense to be added to the support staff line item of the June 16, 2011 budget; accept budget recommendations #3 – #5.

APPROVED

In reference to item #5, the board will determine how the allocated money will be spent based on the quote received.

Motion 11-62: Moved by Doug Skovberg and seconded by Brian Morrison that an additional \$16, 500 be allocated to the school budget for the purchase of materials to support student indoor activities.

APPROVED

In reference to motion 11-62, the superintendent will provide the Board with a list of materials purchased with these funds.

- Audited Financial Statements.

Motion: 11-63: Moved by Doug Skovberg and seconded by Brian Morrison that the board approve the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2011.

APPROVED

- Provincial Approach to Student Information (PASI) agreement

Motion: 11-64: Moved by Doug Skovberg and seconded by Darren Oczkowski, the Secretary Treasurer be named as the Suzuki Charter School Society's designate for the purposes of the PASI agreement.

APPROVED

- Response to the Charter School Evaluation

Motion: 11-65: Moved by Darren Oczkowski and seconded by Doug Skovberg that the Board approve the response to the recommendations contained in the final SCSS evaluation report, dated February 2011, and that this response be submitted to Alberta Education.

APPROVED

- Board Policy Handbook

Motion: 11-66: Moved by Doug Skovberg and seconded by Darlene Wright that the policy handbook be accepted with the following changes; Policy 11, Role of the Secretary-Treasurer, 2.1. shall read; "The Secretary-Treasurer reports directly to the Superintendent and/or the Board as the Board may from time to time direct." 3.11 shall read; Other duties and responsibilities as may be assigned by the Superintendent and/or such other additional responsibilities as may be assigned by the Board.

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- Guitar Group Teacher Position

Motion: 11-67: Moved by Brian Morrison and seconded by Darren Oczkowski that subject to (1) demonstrated performance ability and (2) pedagogical proficiency, the hiring of Everett LaRoi for the position of guitar group lesson teacher for the 2011/2012 school year be approved.

APPROVED

8. Information Items:

- Correspondence sent/received - none
- Board tracking report update – see attached.
- Playground Update. The board has received a request from Capilano Community to participate in the playground project as a project cosponsor. After some discussion, Darren Oczkowski volunteered to Chair the playground committee and will sit on a community committee, with other stakeholders, representing SCSS as a cosponsor for the redevelopment of the playground.



- Preliminary results of Board's Evaluation Survey – see attached

9. Committee Reports:

- Playground – no report
- Governance – no report
 - By-laws – no report
 - Policy – no report
 - Strategic Plan – no report
- Advocacy – no report
- Finance –
 - Bursary. One of the three approved candidates for the 2011/12 Bursary has had a changed in their financial situation and no longer requires the bursary.
 - Casino

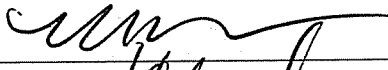
11. Comment from Parents, Staff and the Public – none

12. Delegations – none

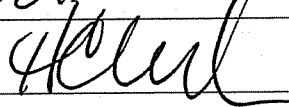
13. Notices of Motion – none

14. Adjournment at 9:20 p.m.

Signature of Board Chair Person: _____



Signature of Secretary-Treasurer: _____



Date: _____

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