

SUZUKI CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday September 14, 2021

In person for board members and administrative staff
& ZOOM for the public due to COVID-19

Please note the meeting was recorded.

Present: Nicole Palmer, Treena Gish, James Garrison, Jenelle Clark, Melissa Rothwell, Christine Garcia.

Administration: Lynne Paradis, Karen Spencer, and Judith Mbeleke

Public Members: 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 6:01p.m. by Chair Palmer.
2. Approval of agenda.

**Motion 21:39: Moved by Nicole Palmer that the Board approve the agenda as circulated.
APPROVED.**

3. Approval of the minutes from the June 17th, 2021 Board meeting. (E)

**Motion 21:40: Moved by Treena Gish that the Board approve the minutes from the June 17th, 2021, Board meeting as circulated.
APPROVED.**

4. Reports
 - Board Chair - attached
 - Superintendent - attached
 - Secretary Treasurer - attached

**Motion: 21:41 Moved by Nicole Palmer that the Board accepts the Board Chair, Superintendent and Secretary Treasurer reports as presented.
APPROVED**



5. Covid-19 Updates & SSCS Re-entry plan review.

The Superintendent and the Principal provided the board with an update of the school's re-entry plans (attached) which was followed by an in-depth discussion on whether to request parents to voluntarily disclose to the school if a student tests positive for Covid-19 and to disclose the student's identity to their cohort or not.

Motion 21:42: Moved by Melissa Rothwell that the Board accepts the re-entry plan as presented.

APPROVED.

6. Calendar – Truth & Reconciliation day September 30th, 2021

The Superintendent provided a summary of how other jurisdictions were dealing with this recently approved Federal statutory holiday. Since this was not a mandated holiday for schools in Alberta, school districts were adopting varying approaches to observing this day with some jurisdictions opting for a non-operational day and keeping schools closed while others maintained it as an operational day. The Superintendent recommended in-school celebrations this year with a school closure for the following academic year 2022-23.

Motion 21:43: Moved by Jenelle Clark that the Board accepts in-school celebrations this year and will include September 30th as a school closure beginning September 2022.

APPROVED.

7. Student Learning Supports (SLS) funding updates by the Superintendent.

Dr Paradis updated the board on the status of the current SLS funding revision process for Charter Schools with Alberta Education. A review of Charter Schools will be conducted by a hired third party to determine special needs students. As well a request for proposals was sent out to organizations interested in providing audit services on SLS funding requirements.

8. Board Meetings for the 2021-2022 term.

Attached are the board meeting dates the 2021-2022 school year.

Tuesday September 14, 2021

Tuesday October 12, 2021

Tuesday November 23, 2021

Tuesday December 14, 2021 – if required

Tuesday January 11, 2022



Tuesday February 8, 2022
Tuesday March 8, 2022
Tuesday April 12, 2022
Tuesday May 10, 2022 –followed by the Annual General Meeting
Tuesday June 14, 2022


9. Correspondence. (E)
10. Board Work Plan - attached
11. Comments from parents, staff and public
12. In camera. Matters that qualify for in camera (board members only) discussions are limited to issues related to land, labor, or law.

Motion 21:44: Moved by Nicole Palmer that the board move in camera.
APPROVED – TIME 9:10 p.m.

Motion 21:45: Moved by James Garrison that the board return to a public meeting.
APPROVED – TIME 9:37

13. Adjournment at 9:37 p.m.

Approve by Board Motion on October 6th, 2021

Signature of Nicole Palmer, SCSS Board Chair: _____


Signature of Judith Mbeleke, Secretary Treasurer: _____
