



**Regular Meeting May 5/6, 2016  
Radisson Hotel and Conference Centre  
4520 – 76 Ave., Edmonton, AB**

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## **May 6, 2016 – Regular Meeting**

MLA's Erin Babcock, Shaye Anderson and Hon. Robert Wanner were welcomed by the group for the breakfast portion of the meeting. Mr. Anderson read a greeting from Education Minister Eggen.

**8:30 a.m.**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

1.1 Appreciation – President Dianne thanked the contributors to a very enjoyable evening previous: New Horizons for the excellent musical entertainment and Westmount for providing a door prize for EVERYONE!

1.2 Consideration of Agenda – Add Item 5.3 MGA meetings, Item 5.4 May 2017 meeting  
**#16/6/05-01** M/C to adopt the agenda of the May 6, 2016 regular meeting as amended.  
*Yvonne DePeel*  
*Judy Gray*

1.3 Approval of Minutes  
**#16/6/05-02** M/C to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2016 regular meeting as presented.  
*Geordie MacPherson*  
*Cindy McGlashan-Beaucage*

1.4 Financial Report  
**#16/6/05-03** M/C to approve the Jan. 1 to Apr. 30, 2016 Financial Report as presented.  
*John Liu*  
*Paul Knapp*

1.5 School Spotlight – New Horizons Principal Ted Zarowny showed a video he created for the celebration of their 20 years of success on Feb. 24. The school opened in 1995 with 79 students (there are now 250) and offers instruction to academically gifted students, K through Gr. 9. The pride of the staff and students was evident in the presentation, which featured class photos going back all their 20 years.

1.6 Education Research Update – FFCA’s Chris Shaw (PE teacher at their Southeast Elementary Campus) and Dr. Larry Katz (Professor and Director of the Sport Technology Research Laboratory, Faculty of Kinesiology, U. of Calgary) presented their joint research. Dr. Katz is also co-founder of the Canadian Centre for Exergaming Research and Director of the Centre for Video and Performance Analysis. Their research - *East Meets West: A Comparison of Two Different Philosophical Approaches to Instruction* – compares ball-throwing instruction through the Teaching Games for Understanding (TGfU) method, which is used in the west, to the eastern Zen philosophy and concludes that combining the 2 methods results in optimal learning.

## **2. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

2.1 Charter Board Directors’ Report – No meeting yesterday (no report).

2.2 Strategic Planning Committee – This work began last October and identified goals in 3 areas that will provide a framework for our planning: Communication, TAAPCS (ideal state) and the Research Mandate. The process will resume in the fall.

2.3 Communication Strategists’ Report – (See handout.) Marie Rajik and Natalie Sigalet from Hill & Knowlton gave us their analysis of the demographic conditions in Alberta and how they have influenced the political events of the recent past. They provided information related to the new government’s priorities, and advice on how to approach them (Government Relations 101 – Keys to Successful Lobbying).

2.4 Superintendents’ Report – Discussion topics included admission procedures, the political environment, communication strategies, creating more opportunities for shared services, elected Boards/voter eligibility, and the development of policy around the new research mandate.

**Discussion of “Governance” at the Board and Association Levels** – Presented by Becky Kallal. This item emerged from the strategic plan goal of strengthening TAAPCS (ideal state); various topics including our bylaws, term limits, code of conduct, policy structure, committees, number/timing of meetings, role descriptions, and the composition of our Board were discussed.

**#16/6/05-04** M/C that Items 3 & 4 of today’s agenda be eliminated or shortened (if necessary) in favour of continuing this discussion.  
*Shelley Schroh*  
*Riann Swiegers*

The recommendation was that a committee (to include Jolene Kochendorfer) be struck to work with Becky to prepare a draft organizational structure and bylaw revision for the October meeting.

## **3. EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

3.1 Report on Meetings with Minister, DM and MLA’s – Various meetings have been held between our Board Directors, Executive and MLA’s over the past few months, as well as a meeting of some of our Executive members with both the Deputy Minister and Minister. Nothing concrete has emerged but for the most part the meetings have not been discouraging.

3.2 Group Benefits – No report.

3.4 Leadership/TQS Implementation Needs Assessment – Feedback has been provided to Randy Clarke.

3.5 Security Audit – No report.

#### **4. ALBERTA EDUCATION REPORT**

4.1 Fort McMurray Situation – Emily Ma is assisting with the government response to the dire situation in Ft. McMurray, and reported that all Alberta school jurisdictions will be expected to find space for however many of the 12,000 displaced students request to be accommodated in their schools.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

5.1 Waiver Request - Two letters have been received in relation to membership dues, one expressing concerns as to the category designations (for small, medium and large schools), and the other requesting a waiver of fees due to declining enrolment. A revised fee structure will be presented for approval in October.

5.2 Evaluation of Meetings – Feedback has been very positive; those suggestions that were made have been taken to heart.

5.3 MGA – There will be opportunities in several communities next month for input into the revisions to the Municipal Governments Act. Please look into the dates online if you are interested.

5.4 May 2017 Meeting – Valhalla Community School graciously offered to host the May 2017 meeting in Valhalla Centre.

#### **6. MEETING REMINDERS**

6.1 October 6/7, 2016 Regular Meeting (Calgary, Grey Eagle Resort & Casino)

**7. EAC MEETING SCHEDULE:** Friday June 10, 2016

**8. REMAINING SLLI SESSION DATES:** Wednesday May 25, 2016

**ADJOURNMENT:** 2:30 p.m.