



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**Oct. 19, 2012**  
**Greenwood Inn, Calgary**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER** – Jay Pritchard called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Appreciation was expressed to Westmount Charter School for providing the entertainment and for hosting the hospitality, and to MECCS for providing the door prizes. Jay also thanked the Halvar Jonson Award committee (Judy gray, Justin Kool, Karen Spencer) that did such an excellent job putting together, not only the nomination criteria and awards themselves, but also the previous evening’s presentation agenda. Well done!

1.1 Introductions - Attendees introduced themselves with their position and organizational affiliation.

1.2 Consideration of Agenda – No changes.

1.3 Approval of Minutes

**#12/19/10-01** M/C to adopt the minutes of the May 11, 2012 regular meeting as presented.

*Harold Lemieux*

*Mohamad El-Rafih*

1.4 Financial Report (handout)

**#12/19/10-02** M/C to adopt the April-August 2012 financial report as presented.

*Myra Penberthy*

*Joe Frank*

1.5 School Spotlight - See handout re “Exemplary Teaching”. The Calgary Science School described their unique school (vision, mission, 6 goals, demographics and structure) and showed a video. Each of CSS’ 600 Gr. 4-9 students has their own “Learning Profile”. Their motto is “It’s never just an ordinary day.”

## **2. Committee Reports**

2.1 ESL – See Ed Wittchen’s written report from ESL Advisory Committee Meeting May 28, 2012.

2.2 Administrators’ Group - No formal meetings are scheduled this year in consideration of administrators’ commitments to the School Leadership Learning Initiative.

2.3 Board Chairs’ Committee – This committee met yesterday and discussed topics related to the “Directors’ Forum” (on today’s agenda), research initiatives, and what topics might be shared in upcoming meetings with MLA’s. Garry will email the updated copy of the TAAPCS “Legislative Proposal” document to the Minister and Deputy Minister; it can be used to guide Directors’ conversations with elected officials. January’s meeting will be held later in the day (i.e. closer to the time of the banquet).

2.4 Workforce Planning – See Garry McKinnon’s written report. Highlights are listed as: 1. renaming and revision of “Teaching Quality Standard” to “Professional Practice Competencies for Teachers”, 2. finalization of Professional Practice Competencies for School Leaders, and 3. framework for the Transformation of Education with students as **E**ngaged thinkers, and **E**thical citizens with an **E**ntrepreneurial spirit (3 E’s).

2.5 Dialogue on Teaching Quality – No scheduled meetings.

2.6 Education Research Update – No report.

### 3. Update from Alberta Education

#### 3.1 Alberta Education Updates - See handout folder.

- Inclusion – 2 handouts. 1. Describes Guiding Principle and key initiatives for 2012-13 (Regional Collaborative Service Delivery Model, review of IPP components, planning for Continuum of Specialized Supports and Services document.), 2. List of resources.
- FNMI Success – 2 handouts. Of particular relevance to MECCS and BSEC.
- Teaching and Leadership – Handout re School Leadership Framework, the Alberta School Leadership Framework Study, Teaching Quality Standard, list of School Leadership Framework Research Projects.
- Curriculum Redesign – 2 handouts following from the *Inspiring Education* initiative: August 2012 Update, Directions for Future Curriculum.
- Research – Report to come later. Dale Bischoff represents TAAPCS on this committee.
- Legislation – Bill 3, the new Education Act, will be introduced in the legislature next week; review of the policies and regulations will happen over the next 1½ to 2 years.

#### 3.3 Other

- Getting to Know the Minister and Deputy Minister – Both are scheduling meetings with schools.
- On-Line Survey/Dialogue Results – Results of the on-line survey and dialogues that were initiatives of former Minister Hancock are available on the government website at <http://www.education.alberta.ca/parents/choice/charter.aspx>.
- Charter School Transportation Review – Once the Act has been passed, the Transportation Regulation will be reviewed. Heather Christison asked that Secretary-Treasurers be invited back into the conversation at that time.
- 3-Year Grant Funding – Set as 1%, 2% and 2% over next three years. AE will be calling on stakeholder groups to demonstrate value (return on investment).
- Tri-Partite Agreement – Meetings between ASBA, ATA and AE are planned between now and the Oct. 31 deadline. Working conditions are the main issue. There will likely be some level of local bargaining happening.

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## SPECIAL ACTIVITY **DIRECTORS' FORUM**

Participants formed several small, diverse groups to discuss two questions, and subsequently shared points from their conversations: 1. What is the best thing that has happened at your school so far this year? and 2. What is something you learned in the past year about charter schools? Suggested future topics of conversation were 1. the composition of charter school boards, and 2. a comparison of the by-laws of charter schools.

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#### **4. Education Advisory Committee (EAC) Report**

4.1 School Leadership Project – The first meeting was held on Sept. 20 at FFCA, and the next will take place on Oct. 25 at the Science School. Thirty-nine people took part in Session 1, with 2 people presenting. Six people (Phil Butterfield, Joe Frank, Garry McKinnon, Yvonne DePeel, Don Falk and Jim Brandon) have volunteered to present at the Oct. Session. As part of this initiative, participants will be asked to partner up and visit each others' schools to learn more about the program offered.

4.2 TAAPCS Research Project – Collection and analysis of baseline data will take place between October and December; investigators require an electronic copy of each school's most recent charter evaluation. Boards will be contacted re scheduling individual meetings early in the new year. Participants were reminded that contributions to the project were committed to (at the rate of \$3 per student), and some had not yet been received.

4.3 Champion of Charter Schools Award – The inaugural presentation of the 4 awards was a very successful event, with 3 of the 4 honorees able to accept in person. Please be thinking about future worthy recipients; information will be sent out in a timely fashion prior to next October's meeting.

#### **5. New Business**

5.1 "I Have a Dream" – Participants were asked to complete this thought with their vision of where they would ideally like to see charter schools in the future, and share their ideas in small groups.

5.2 Revised Brochure – Please email any revised information to Meredith in preparation for a new printing of our brochure.

5.3 Conference 2013 – A new committee will be formed to plan the 2013 conference. A theme and location need to be decided. CRC has once again volunteered to assist with planning and implementation.

5.4 Lee Lucente announced that long-time Board member Doug Farris will be leaving the Board and Suzuki Charter School, and expressed appreciation for his hard work and dedication on behalf of both Suzuki and the Association.

#### **6. Reminders**

6.1 Jan. 17/18, 2013 (Sheraton, Red Deer): Entertainment – CGS; Door Prizes – Suzuki; Hospitality – CAA; School Spotlight – New Horizons

May 2/3, 2013 (Edmonton): Entertainment – Suzuki; Door Prizes – Valhalla; Hospitality – Aurora; School Spotlight – FFCA

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**Adjournment** 1:00 p.m.