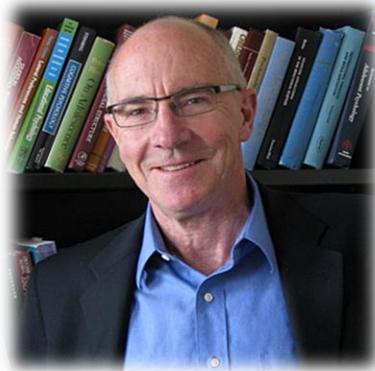


The 2016 TAAPCS Halvar Jonson Award

Mr. Halvar Jonson played a huge role in the creation of charter schools in Alberta. To honour the important contributions of Mr. Jonson and other individuals who champion charter schools in Alberta, our association created an award in his name. This year TAAPCS recognizes two individuals for their efforts to champion charter schools in Alberta – Dr. Jim Brandon and Mr. Bill McGregor. These committed champions have not only been strong advocates for individual charter schools, but have worked in systemic ways in moving forward the charter school initiative within Alberta.



Dr. Jim Brandon is an ideal candidate for the Halvar Jonson award as he contributed significantly to the charter school movement through his work with the TAAPCS School Leadership Learning group, where he shared his expertise and passion for educational leadership and led informative sessions to increase understanding and application of the Professional Practice Competencies. Developing the capacity of charter school leaders to focus on research and innovation, Jim also demonstrated himself as a true champion of charter schools. He facilitated collaboration and advocacy opportunities with Alberta Education and TAAPCS to

promote the School Leadership Learning Initiative professional development study focused on the Principal Practice Competencies through presentations to the Deputy Minister of Education and focus group sessions with many Alberta school districts at the invitation of the Teaching and Leadership Excellence Branch.

Mr. Bill McGregor was a charter school parent for 14 years. In this time, he served as a member of the FFCA Board of Directors for 12 years, 10 of which he was Chair, for 11 years, 5 of which he served as Board Directors Committee, demonstrating his high level of its schools, objectives and causes. initiatives have been substantial in various government relations schools with various governments ministerial levels. Through this charter schools to speak with one voice. This collaborative movement allowed for the voices of all stakeholders to be heard and significantly assisted schools in meeting their charter objectives. Bill also provided presentations and personal development workshops on the topic of government relations to individual TAAPCS member boards to assist with their growth and development.



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