

**Minutes of
Connect Charter School Society, Board of Directors Meeting
January 23, 2016 at Connect Charter School**

Board members present: Denise Kitagawa (C), Dave Robinson (VC), Harold Lemieux (PC), Wendy Baillie, Tim Edwards, Susan Gaetz, Jennifer Hittel, David McKenzie, Mackenzie Regent, Jeff Turner.

Board members absent: Mark Blake, Joni Carroll, Luana Comin-Sartor, Chas Filipski, Gavin Peat and Dr. Norm Vaughan.

Staff present: Susan Chomistek (Superintendent), Darrell Lonsberry (Principal), Dr. Phil Butterfield (Assistant Principal), Scott Petronech (Assistant Principal), Myra Penberthy, (Secretary Treasurer).

Board Chair Ms. Denise Kitagawa declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:20 am.

Motion 35.15 by Wendy Baillie,
THAT the January 23, 2016, Board agenda be approved as amended.
Carried

Motion 36.15 by Dave Robinson,
THAT the December 15, 2015, Board of Directors meeting minutes be approved.
Carried

Ms. Mackenzie Regent presented the November 30, 2015 quarterly financial statements for approval and articulated the highlights to the Board.

Motion 37.15 by Mackenzie Regent,
THAT the quarterly financial statements for November 30, 2015 be approved as received.
Carried

Health and Safety Report, Darrell Lonsberry

- At the January staff meeting the teachers did not raise any safety issues.
- The tarmac around the school needs maintenance and a letter to the Calgary Board of Education has been sent requesting infrastructure maintenance and renewal funding.
- Hazard assessments for every position within Connect Charter School are being developed.

The Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools (TAAPCS) Report, Denise Kitagawa

- The TAAPCS conference was held on January 14 and 15 in Red Deer.
- Connect Charter School hosted the entertainment at the dinner on Jan 14th, with a display of student artwork and a presentation by the science communication club. The students received a standing ovation for their outstanding presentation and performance.
- Government relations continue to present their own opportunities and the association has sent a letter to the Minister of Education to request a meeting with the Board Chairs of the charter school boards.
- The association has decided to seek the advice of a public relations consultant on a public education campaign to dispel the myths about charter schools.

The meeting terminated at 9:50 a.m.

Denise Kitagawa, Board Chair