

**Minutes of
Connect Charter School Society, Board of Directors Meeting
January 15, 2019, at Connect Charter School**

Board members present: *Dave Robinson (C), Ron Koper (VC) (via teleconference), Dana Braunberger (via teleconference), Kathy Buchanan, Shelley Jahnke, Mangesh Kumthekar, Christy Newson, Dr. Kevin O'Connor, and Gavin Peat.*

Board members absent:, *David McKenzie, Bryce Monar, Mackenzie Regent, Michelle Rousseau, Hyacinth Schaeffer and Linda Trinh.*

Staff present: *Chris Gilmour (Superintendent), Dr. Phil Butterfield (Principal), and Myra Penberthy (Secretary Treasurer).*

Board Chair Mr. Dave Robinson declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

Mr. Dave Robinson asked the Directors if there were any conflicts of interest. None were declared.

Motion 36.18 by Dr. Kevin O'Connor,
THAT the January 15, 2019, board meeting agenda be approved.

Carried

Motion 37.18 by Shelley Jahnke,
THAT the November 27, 2018 Board meeting #1 and November 27, 2018 Board meeting #2 minutes be approved. Also that the January 4, 2019, Special Board of Directors meeting minutes be approved.

Carried

Ms. Myra Penberthy presented the November 30, 2018 Quarterly financial statements and discussed the procedures for review of the financial statements by the Audit & Finance Committee.

Motion 38.18 by Dr. Kevin O'Connor
THAT the Board approves the Connect Charter School Society November 30, 2018 quarterly financial statements.

Carried

Mr. Ron Koper, Vice Chair, reviewed the strategic advance agenda and survey monkey results from the Board, for the Board advance. He outlined advance details for the days of January 25/26th. The advance will be held in the Connect Charter School, Anne Tingle Library (learning commons).

Mr. Ron Koper, Chair of the transportation committee reviewed the fundraising campaign for the bus and the intent of the Parent Advisory Committee fundraising, to obtain a matching grant from the Community Initiatives Program (CIP), in order to purchase a bus. Our incredibly supportive network of families and friends helped us achieve the goal of raising \$75,000 of matching funding towards this grant. Despite having a strong application, Connect was not successful in receiving the grant due to an unprecedented influx of applications. The committee reviewed all the information regarding the bus purchase and arrived at the following options: 1. Expand the fundraising campaign in an effort to raise the full \$150,000; or 2. Use the

funds to support EXPO transportation, but not directly through the purchase of a bus. Our evolving understanding of best practices for EXPO, combined with the need for increased investments to purchase a bus, led the transportation committee to recommend that Connect does not purchase a bus, but use charter bus transportation for EXPO and outdoor education field experiences.

Motion 39.18 by Mangesh Kumthekar,

THAT the Board approve the recommendations by the EXPO transportation committee to redirect the fundraised money to EXPO transportation, rather than purchasing a bus.

Carried

Mr. Chris Gilmour reviewed PowerSchool, a Student Information System, product and purchase of the system, with the Board of Directors.

Dr. Phil Butterfield reviewed the rationale, opportunity and capacity building, regarding hiring a part-time communications person, from January – April 2019, and possibly further depending on grant funding.

Motion 40.18 by Gavin Peat.

THAT the Board approve the recommendation from the Communications committee to hire a part-time communications/journalism resource student.

Carried

Committee and leadership reports were presented.

The meeting terminated at 7:35 pm.

Dave Robinson, Board Chair