



**Minutes of  
Connect Charter School Society, Board of Directors Meeting  
September 8, 2020 at Connect Charter School**

**Board members present;** *Dave Robinson (C), Ron Koper (VC), Dana Braunberger, Kathy Buchanan, Shelley Jahnke, Christy Newson, Bryce Monar, Gavin Peat, and Hyacinth Schaeffer*

**Board members present via Zoom Video Communication;** *Dr. Kevin O'Connor, Mackenzie Regent, and Michelle Rousseau*

**Board members absent;** *Mangesh Kumthekar and David McKenzie.*

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

Mr. Chris Gilmour led a tour for the Board, through the school to review the new renovations, which have been funded through Alberta Education via the Capital Maintenance and Renewal funding.

Board Chair Mr. Dave Robinson, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. There was a quorum.

The Board expressed its appreciation regarding the great work of staff during startup, and the Board is very proud of how effective everyone is working during the “new normal” of the pandemic.

Dr Butterfield discussed the performance of the re-entry plan so far and presented on-line learning options that have been developed on the basis of staff experience and learning during the pandemic to date. The board agreed that the distance learning options presented were exciting, responsible, aligned with our charter and well thought through. The board expressly appreciated the staff capability to model learning through inquiry and direct experience and supported further implementation work using the approach presented.

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

Motion 01.20 by Bryce Monar,

THAT the September 8, 2020, Board agenda be approved.

Carried

Motion 02.20 by Ron Koper,

THAT the June 16, 2020 Board meeting minutes be approved.

Carried

Mr. Gilmour presented the reflections on the 2019/20 school year, looking forward to the 2020/21 school year, superintendent action plan 2020/21, and superintendent survey spring 2020 summary. The spreadsheets for CMR Stimulus funding, Reserves, and CoVid expenses were presented to the Board as well.

Motion 03.20 by Kathy Buchanan,

THAT the Board approve the Board meeting dates for 2021: Jan 29/30 advance, Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11, June 15, Sept 14, Oct 19, Nov 23, Dec 14.

Carried

The Board committees presented their reports. The TAAPCS update was presented by the Board of Govenors Chair, Mr. Ron Koper.

The strategic plan elements were presented for 2020-21, for consideration, and will be approved at the October 2020 Board meeting.

The Board appreciated meeting in person and via Zoom for the first time in the 2020/21 school year.

The meeting terminated at 8:29 pm.

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Dave Robinson, Board Chair