



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY SOCIETY

October 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. MST
By Video Conference

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Attendance
2. Consideration and Approval of Agenda
3. Superintendent's Update - Joanne
4. Financial Reporting Guidelines - David
5. In Camera meeting
6. Consent agenda*
 - a. Minutes of September 21/21 meeting

*Items on consent agenda will be deemed approved at the adjournment of the meeting. If a Board member wishes to discuss any item on the consent agenda, please advise the Chair at the beginning of the meeting)

7. Adjournment

STEM INNOVATION ACADEMY

Minutes of the October 19, 2021 Board Meeting, Calgary Alberta

1. Call to Order at 5:33 pm – online

In attendance:

Carolyn Chin

Kees de Ridder

Brent Bieber

Dee Ann Evans

Raman Sawhney

Michael McIntosh

Lisa Davis

Joanne Higgins

Regrets: David Arthur

2. Approval of Agenda with amendments: (Adding Item 5: Signing Authority)

Motion to approve: Brent Bieber, seconded by Kees de Ridder

3. Superintendent Update

We had our first parent-teacher interviews. There were 11 hours of interview with parents – over 1100 interviews. Parents are very happy overall; next priority is to get parents in the building.

We have a new school council effective October 4th. There were over 50 people who signed into the meeting. We have a new executive and Kerry will be meeting with them this Friday. It was nice of them to bring in dinner for teachers during our parent teacher interviews. They have sent out email to parents asking how they wish to be involved, and what activities they are interested in.

We have several clubs starting at the school next month, including sports academy. We are starting with volleyball, and then we will continue on with other sports throughout the year.

Other clubs: student-initiated GSA club being led by 2 teachers; math competition club, student leadership, and robotics club (Denzil is becoming certified so we can host robotics competitions at the school as there are not a lot of competitions here like there is in BC), debate/model UN, debate, art, and homework clubs. Some start next week and continue over the next few weeks.

An update on the charter association's (TAAPCS) advocacy efforts was provided.

COVID update – letter received from Minister's office regarding recommendations around requiring vaccines for adults in the building. During an Alberta wide conference call with the Department, many boards expressed concerns from school jurisdictions about downloading of responsibilities to school boards. The Department has encouraged boards to consult their own legal counsel.

4. Financial Reporting Guidelines

Lisa Davis recommended the Board formally adopt accounting guideline policy while the Board is developing their other policies. On that basis a motion was brought forward:

“That the Board of Directors directs administration to ensure that financial statements are prepared according to Alberta Education Guidelines”

Moved by: Brent Bieber, seconded by Michael McIntosh

Carried unanimously

5. Signing Authority

Carolyn Chin suggested that she be added as another signing authority in the event the other 2 signing authorities are not available.

Motion: That Carolyn Chin be added as a signing authority for or bank accounts

Moved by Michael McIntosh, Seconded by Kees de Ridder

Carried unanimously

6. In Camera Discussion

Motion to move in camera:

Dee Ann Evans

Seconded: Raman

Carried unanimously

Motion to move out of in camera:

Moved by Mike McIntosh; Seconded by: Raman Sawhney

Carried unanimously

Motion to terminate:

Moved by: Brent Bieber, Seconded by Kees de Ridder

Carried unanimously

Approved at the November 16, 2021 Board meeting: