



March 2023

## *A Note from the Desk of Your Executive Director . . .*

There have been a few changes in roles within the TAAPCS community and I've connected to a few more supporters so welcome those that are new to my monthly note. These notes are meant to be a quick update on my activities over the last month and to offer to connect on any TAAPCS items. Please feel free to pass these along to any other Public Charter School supporters.

I don't usually have ad space, but Wes asked if I'd include this invite, which I'm happy to do as he'd like to invite us all to attend!

You are cordially invited to attend the

**Grand**  
OPENING

of the

**Holden Rural  
Academy**

Holden  
Rural  
Academy

Please RSVP to  
info@holdenra.ca or  
call 780-688-0232

4 - 8 pm School Tours  
4 - 7 pm Silent Auction  
6 - 7 pm Supper  
7 pm Special Guests

**Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023**  
(5335 - 50<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Holden, AB)

**Budget 2023** is an excellent budget for Charter Schools and frankly all students in Alberta. All educators see an increase and while we wait for specifics in the soon to be released Funding Manual, we do recognize the government made more efforts to

put us on equal footing with all other public schools in Alberta. There are also significant dollars allocated to help Charter Schools catch up on the capital side. As I mentioned in my last note we now have confirmed dollars for a Hub school in Calgary and other capital dollars allocated.

**Hub Update** with the announcement of funding for the Calgary Hub, TAAPCS has been asked by government to prepare draft By-laws for the society that would run the facility. This work is nearing completion and the by-laws contemplate the Hub being run by the resident Charter Schools. I suspect we'll see a formal government announcement a bit later in March on the specific site and next steps.

**11 March** Some of you will be aware that Deloitte was the successful bidder for the RFP on capital issues for Charter Schools recently issued by the government. The next step is a 11 March in person meeting with Deloitte in Red Deer. Each Charter school chair was asked to identify the best representative for their ideas about future capital needs. These 19 delegates and one representative for TAAPCS have all been invited.

The regular TAAPCS Executive meeting occurs typically on the first Friday of every month and did so on March 3<sup>rd</sup> however the April meeting will be on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Our March Executive meeting focused on next steps for the Calgary Hub School, Op-Ed pieces on the budget, launching our advocacy project through Berlin Communications (something we'll be asking all Charter Schools to participate in), and a Code of Conduct for TAAPCS members.

TAAPCS will be scheduling a Special Meeting to review the 2021/2022 audit and documents from the AGM as soon as the audit can be completed.

In closing I want to offer my email: [executivedirector@taapcs.com](mailto:executivedirector@taapcs.com) and my cellular: (403) 615-6090 for your use to reach me on any issue.

Thank you, and chat soon!

*-Kelley Charlebois-*