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

It is no surprise that April ended with a flurry of activity with the provincial election called for 29 May. It is going to be a crazy month, but it is vital we use every opportunity to remind our students, parents, alumni, and staff of the issues that are key to Alberta's Public Charter Schools and to encourage them to vote based on what the Parties say about how they'll treat us. It will matter for at least the next 4 years!

To this end, most of you should have received a note from your school encouraging you to sign up at the website TAAPCS created to communicate better with Public Charter School supporters. Please go to: <https://publiccharterschools.ca/> and encourage your fellow supporters to do so as well.

Now that is done, I'll remind you 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.

The TAAPCS Executive met on 2 April but did not have quorum, so we discussed the audited financial statement for 2021/2022. We also discussed generally the date and agenda for the TAAPCS Special Meeting (SpM) which was held on 27 April.

The Executive met again on 14 April and were joined by members of the Calgary Leadership Network to discuss their needs and the desire by TAAPCS to see their efforts expand across all Alberta Public Charter Schools. A lengthy discussion was held on member fees and the desire to bring a solid rationale to the Spring General Meeting (10 June 2023 beginning at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom). Sadiq Valliani was asked to bring forward a 3-year budget plan. The Executive discussed the biennial gathering of our teaching teams in Calgary on October 20th, 2023 (which will happen the day before our AGM in Calgary). Save the dates and look for more information coming your way.

On 27 April 2023 the SpM was held with 16 official delegates and about 29 attendees in total via Zoom. Documents were tabled including the audited 2021/2022 Financial Statements and a fiscal update. A draft code of conduct was presented (to be part of the Spring General Meeting agenda. There were in-camera

discussions on the Charter Hub Project and Communications. The meeting was efficient and effective, and I think a number of process matters were dealt with to everyone's satisfaction.

In April I had the pleasure of attending the New Humble Barn Raising Event. A special thanks to the Chair and Superintendent for the school tour and excellent conversations. The school team did a great job of organizing the event.

In closing I want to offer my email: executivedirector@taapcs.com and my cellular: (403) 615-6090 for your use to reach me on any issue. I'd also ask again that you share this note with others in your school.

Thank you, and chat soon!

-Kelley Charlebois-