

The Alberta Association of Public Charter Schools (TAAPCS) concludes Spring General Meetings in Sherwood Park

The members of TAAPCS representing Public Charter Schools from across Alberta met 24/25 May in Sherwood Park hosted by New Horizons Charter School for their semi-Annual General Meeting and leave more focused than ever on their priorities.

A highlight this year was tours of 4 local Edmonton and area schools: STEM Collegiate, Alberta Classical's Edmonton campus, Thrive Elementary and New Horizons. The tours enabled members to see the difference in facilities while discussing the similarities in approaches focus on their unique Charters and the benefit to students enrolled.

The formal agenda on Saturday included unanimous approval of TAAPCS fees and budget for the 2024/2025 year. As well, priorities for the organization were discussed. Chairs of the individual Public Charter School Boards are working to have monthly meetings to discuss opportunities and challenges.

The next meeting of TAAPCS members will be 2 November 2024 in Calgary for our AGM.

“I appreciated the interest and commitment of our members in bringing forward their ideas. While we represent a diverse group of Public Charters our strength is in focusing on what unites us and this weekend, we committed to just that!” stated Joanne Higgins, Acting Chair of TAAPCS.

Currently there are 19 Alberta Public Charter Schools, with the potential of 3 more opening for the 2024/2025 school year. Public Charter Schools are part of Alberta's education choices and are the fastest growing segment of the Public School System. Charter schools charge no fees and are open to all supporting the Charter. 10,000 Alberta students attend Alberta's Public Charter Schools while there are 20,000 more on waitlists.