



## **News You Can Use from the TAAPCS Executive Director February 2025**

I hope everyone had a good break over the Holidays and that 2025 has started well.

I am happy to share that the new Executive led by Dee-Ann Evans is gelling nicely and several things are moving forward. On their behalf I just sent a note out for the next (3 per year) TAAPCS Board meeting on 8 March AND at the direction of the Executive there will also be a short SGM to look at amending the Bylaws to change the requirement of an external auditor to empower the Finance Committee to undertake the review. For what it's worth I am 100% in favour of this as TAAPCS spends a significant amount on this audit. More importantly please ensure your Charter and your views are expressed at the meeting!

Since my last note I have had several of my routine meetings with government. As most of you know I meet regularly with the Deputy, Lora Pillipow as well as Kindy Joseph, Jeff Willan and the Minister's Chief James Johnson. Indeed, at the last meeting with Lora she happened to be in Calgary, so Dee-Ann Evans and I met with her and Kindy & Jeff.

This is a good segue to the decision of government to only approve new Charter applications once per year in September. On your behalf I expressed prior to the decision that we did not agree and suggested a compromise of twice a year. GoA is trying to create processes so the staff can be spread out over other issues (which I understand). At a time where we are the fastest growing segment of public education it does not make sense to stymie choice.

The Executive has been able to secure a great Treasurer and friend of many of us in Wendy Juergens. She has been appointed interim until the Board meeting on 8 March ratifies her role.

The Executive has also created an Ad Hoc Committee on Fees to be Chaired by Dee-Ann and reflect the same membership as the Finance. Please let her know if you have someone who wishes to participate. The Board makes the final decision which would happen at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting of the year in May.

Please reach out if there are any issues, I can help you with!

Chat soon,

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