

News You Can Use from the TAAPCS Executive Director - November 2025

Important upcoming meetings:

4 November is the next TAAPCS Executive Meeting

14 November is the next TAAPCS Chairs Meeting

23 October 2026 TAAPCS Teachers' Conference

November 2026 is the next AGM

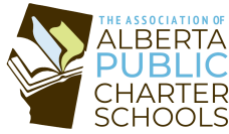
Although it hasn't been a month since my last update there has been a lot happening in Education and I think it is timely to check in.

Happy to report a successful AGM and first Board meeting on November 1st at Thrive Charter in Edmonton. Michael and Dean made us all feel at home in their great school. Most of our 20 member schools were present and the formal AGM was preceded by a Superintendents/Secretary-Treasurers meeting as well as a short Chairs meeting. While most of the AGM involved reports we did also discuss and set our priorities for this year (these generally are the direction for me to focus on, on your behalf). These are a minimum goal:

- I. Communications and Advocacy impacting public understanding
- II. Parity with other public schools (capital, access to lands)
- III. Superintendent Compensation resolved
- IV. Charter School Permanency
- V. Research

As I mentioned last month, I was interviewed by CBC RadioActive and while I prepared for a bit harder hitting interview it ended up being more informational. It did give me an opportunity to test some key messages, and they seemed to have landed well. If any of you have an opportunity with local media, I am always available to help with your key messages.

This segues nicely into a brief update on the 3-year Strategic Plan. We had our first planning meeting with the consultant and have agreed to meet every two weeks to ensure we're staying on task and target. Cheryll Watson will continue to Chair the initiative and both Micheal H. and Megan O. will serve on the advisory group. I will use this platform to report back regularly as well. Our initial focus is on the website, branding for TAAPCS and working to engage members and your parents. For this initiative to be successful we need to connect every Public Charter School supporter to our network.



SCAP continues to be a programme we are keeping an eye on. Alberta Education and Childcare continue to double could existing spaces as new spaces (if only F&E followed) and we will continue to be vigilant. The 12,500 spaces promise by Premier Smith are all meant to be new. This is worth fighting for.

This week I meet with the Minister's Chief and team on Wednesday. I've had an opportunity to get feedback from a number of you but please share anything you feel I should be aware of for this meeting.

As always please reach out if there are any issues, I can help you with!

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