



News You Can Use from the TAAPCS Executive Director – February 2026

Important upcoming meetings:

[10 February](#) is the next TAAPCS Executive Meeting

[13 February](#) is the next Chairs Meeting

[7 March](#) is the next TAAPCS Board Meeting 1 pm (FLCA Hosting in Airdrie)

[9 May](#) is the following TAAPCS Board Meeting (Edmonton area?)

[23 October](#) TAAPCS Teachers' Conference

[November](#) is the next TAAPCS AGM (Calgary)

Recently heard that the BUSY Charter School in Calgary has had their conditions removed and now becomes the 30th approved Public Charter School. Congratulations to their team and look forward to working with them and their focus on high school aged students needing a different approach to engage them in education.

Work on the 3-year strategy is moving along at a strong pace. We are reviewing look and design for the organization and intend a complete overhaul of the website. It has already been shared that we will shortly transition from TAAPCS to APCS as part of this upgrade and a new logo is being worked on. There will be a presentation at the next Board meeting on 7 March.

Dee-Ann and I met with DM Lora Pillipow and Micha Ben-Zvi, Executive Director for Capital Planning and we continued to make our case for a more transparent process for schools. They shared that they have a lot of existing schools wanting expansion and difficulty moving at the pace we need them to. They mentioned they wanted to meet with schools in this position in February and we advocated for an in-person meeting with agreement to speak frankly in the room (likely with NDAs). We suggested any Public Charter School in this situation should be in the room.

That same day we met with Katelyn Erickson who is heading up the process to review the Superintendents Regulation. There is some concern that it may get delayed a bit but no firm timeline yet (expires in August 2026). We offered TAAPCS assistance as well as restating our position in opposition to the current way salaries are codified in the regulation.

This week I meet with James Johnson of the Minister's office on Thursday. Dee-Ann and I meet later in the month with the NDP Education critic to continue our efficacy.

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

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