

Aurora Academic Charter School Council Meeting

March 1, 2016

Members in Attendance: J. Rockwood; I. Gray; E. De Gooyer; P. Mayo; A. Goddad; S. Rana; A. Huhn; L. Demskie; E. Fung;

Regrets: A. Hoffman; N. Gidda

Guests in Attendance: V. Tran (teacher coordinating Student Council); D. Abraham (Student Council Rep.); B. Steinke

Board Member in Attendance: R. Devji

1.0 Call to Order: 6:02pm by A. Huhn

2.0 Additions/changes to the Agenda: No Changes

3.0 Approval of Minutes from: February 2, 2016

Motion: A. Goddad

Second: P. Mayo

Motion Carried: All in favour

4.0 Student Council Report: D. Abraham (School Council Rep.) reported:

- 20th Anniversary: all phases entered
- \$400 raised for a new water fountain
- Skating February 24, grades 7-9
- March 17 – Hot lunch; Mufti-day – Green, Gold, Orange or Yellow
- April 22 – Grades 5-9 Dance
- Year-end – Grade 9 at Camp Warwa

5.0 Board Report: R. Devji reported:

- Charter renewed for 5 years
- Concept design – phase 2 March 2017
- Growth – Randy Dar – permits
- Articles of Association approved

6.0 Guest Report: No Guest report

7.0 Elementary Principal Report: I. Gray reported the following:

- Mr. Dang – Lethbridge for technology
- Received grant: action and research for teachers
- \$1,352 was raised for the Syrian refugees; monies will be presented to the Edmonton Mennonite Centre during the March 15th assembly
- Met and still meeting with a lot of Kindergarten parents

- PD day – Randy Clark (consultant for teacher quality standard)
- Learning Commons (technical name) for the new library
- School calendar: the Board will look first
- School year for 2017: Jan1-Dec31 will determine what grade each child goes into
- Same number of PD days

8.0 Middle School Principal Report: J. Rockwood reported the following:

- MLA for Glenora came on Feb 19 for a visit and spoke with students
- Options: Fit for Life, Photography, Robotics, etc.
- Science Fair: Feb 5-6
- PAT night was successful with 20 families in attendance
- Yellow shirt for 20th Anniversary
- Pink shirt for Anti-Bullying
- PAT Club for Math
- Grade 7 – Drumheller
- Wrestling, basketball, badminton, Running Room

9.0 Treasurer’s Report: L. Demskie reported the following:

- \$5,814.20 in account

10.0 Fundraising Report: A. Huhn reported the following:

- The spell-a-thon will go out over Spring Break with the spelling bee being done after spring break.

11.0 Request for Funds from School Council: No request for funds.

12.0 Beautification Report: No report.

13.0 Board Committee Reports: No reports at this time.

14.0 New Business:

14.1 Aurora Choir: A. Goddad and B. Steinke reported the following:

- Start with Grades 2-4
- Mixed gender
- No audition required
- Form to parents with options (survey) of when to have it (study period, lunch time, weekend, etc.)

14.2 Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Policy – J. Rockwood reported that in regards to the washrooms, Aurora will use the same unisex policies as Edmonton Public Schools and St. Albert Public Schools. The policy

manual was passed around. Will be going to the Board on March 7th. There will be 6 stand alone washrooms in the elementary side.

14.3 Informing of By-laws for Fundraising Society – A. Huhn reported that Becky from Alberta Schools' Council Association assisted in writing out the by-laws for the Fundraising Society. It will be a separate entity from the school council.

14.4 Study Period – J. Rockwood reported that it is a time to do homework and to get extra help. It is here to stay.

14.5 Operating Procedures – A. Huhn reported that, according to the Fundraising Society by-laws, year-end will be Aug 31, start date will be Sept 1. Elections will be held before Oct 31. Would like to know if we should change the School Council by-laws to the same.

Motion: P. Mayo moves that we use the same dates.

Second: A. Goddad

Motion Carried: All in favour.

Will bring to the Board on March 7th.

15.0 Announcements:

- A. Huhn reported she has purchased the gift certificate and has a card for School Council members to sign if they would like to.

16.0 Topics Tabled for next Meeting: None at this time

17.0 Next Meeting: April 5, 2016 6pm in School Library

18.0 Adjournment: A. Huhn moves to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm