

Aurora Academic Charter School Council Meeting

March 3, 2015

In Attendance: I. Gray; J. Rockwood; N. Gidda; E. De Gooyer; A. Huhn; Paula Mayo; A. Hoffman; M. Pon; S. Weiwel; D. Shannon

Regrets: A. Powell; S. Rana

Parents in Attendance: Rohan Walla

Board Member in Attendance: No Board Members Attended.

1.0 Call to Order - 6:02 pm by D. Shannon

2.0 Addition/Changes: Move 13.1 to the beginning of agenda; add 13.4 Legacy Wall for 20th Anniversary and 13.5 Winter Carnival

3.0 Approval of Minutes from February 3, 2015

Motion: A. Hoffman moves to accept minutes as presented.

Seconded: S. Weiwel

Carried: All in Favour

4.0 Board Report (no report given):

13.0 New Business

a) Student Council President – R.Walla introduced himself as the Aurora Academic Charter School Student Council President. R. Walla reported that the Student Council is hoping to have a legacy gift of 2 more water fountains for the school. R. Walla also wanted School Council feedback regarding an event for the Middle School on April 21st. The Student Council is going to host an event which would include a dinner and then fun activities like giant games, puzzles, etc. The feedback he was looking for was whether to combine grades 5 & 6 with grades 7-9 or whether the grades 5-6 did activities on their own and the 7-9's did activities on their own. Discussion took place and the overall feedback was that School Council supported whatever decision the Student Council took. All of the options were appropriate and School Council felt confident in the Student Councils final decision.

5.0 Elementary Principal Report:

I. Gray reported he had nothing new to report at this time.

6.0 Middle School Principal Report:

J. Rockwood reported on the following items:

- Science Olympics was a lot of fun for everyone
- New Calendar is done

E. De Gooyer read thank you card to School Council for sponsorship of the Science Fair.

7.0 Treasurer's Report – D. Shannon reported the balance in our account was \$12,914.17.

8.0 Fundraising Report – A. Huhn reported that we will need to make a decision as to whether we would like to do the catalogue fundraiser again. We can sign up and not do it, but if we sign early, we get a better percentage. Everyone agreed we should proceed and register.

J. Rockwood reported that she had chatted with the company that does the fundraiser where parents can order the school supplies directly from them and they come packaged to the parents home. Discussion took place regarding when the school had tried this type of fundraiser before and how there were some problems. J. Rockwood will follow up and see if this company can address the previous problems. Overall, everyone thought it was worthwhile following up with.

9.0 Request for Funds from School Council:

9.1 A. Hoffman reported that in speaking with some of the elementary teachers, they notice that some students do not have appropriate winter accessories such as mittens and toques. The teachers would like to purchase some that could be stored at the school and provided to children who need them. Discussion took place.

Motion: A. Huhn moves that we provide \$500 for the Winter Carnival

Second: A. Hoffman

Carried: All in Favour

10.0 Beautification Report – nothing to report at this time.

11.0 Communications Report:

11.1 School Council Emails – Nothing to report at this time, Doris will check School Council emails for this month.

11.2 Newsletter – Advertise the Spell-A-thon.

12.0 Board Reports:

12.1 Technology Committee Report – J. Rockwood reported that the school has purchased Power School. This program will show attendance as well.

12.2 Communication Committee – Committee meeting coming up soon. A. Huhn will attend as our representative.

12.3 Transportation Committee – Committee meeting coming up soon. M. Pon will attend as our representative.

12.4 Policy Committee – Committee meeting coming up soon. A. Hoffman will try to attend as our representative.

12.5 Growth Committee – Committee meeting coming up soon. S. Wiewel will attend as our representative.

13.0 New Business:

13.2 Homework Discussion – I. Gray reported that the Board will be looking into whether there is too much homework being given to the students at the school. I. Gray reported that he and J. Rockwood created the survey that was sent out to all parents to document the amount of homework done each night for a few weeks. I. Gray suggested that as School Council we should have a discussion on this issue. Discussion took place and the opinions varied from the homework was just right to there is too much homework. All agreed the survey should help show what the majority of parents feel.

13.3 Alberta School Council's Association Conference April 24-26 – A. Huhn reported that J. Rockwood had forwarded information on this conference and that if any of the School Council would like to attend, members could register and the School Council will pay for the fee. One day only option for Saturday is \$250.00.

13.4 Legacy Wall – I. Gray reported that there is discussion looking into having a Legacy Wall which would include posters. More information will be coming regarding this topic.

13.5 Winter Carnival – N. Gidda thanked the School Council for sponsorship of the Winter Carnival. N. Gidda reported that fun was had by all and thanked all parent volunteers who were able to help that day.

14 Announcements - Nothing to report at this time

15 Topics Tabled for next Meeting – Articles of Association will be discussed in May.

16 Next Meeting – April 14, 2015 6pm (second Tuesday)

17 Adjournment – A. Hoffman moves to adjourn meeting at 7:25pm