

## **Aurora Academic Charter School Council Meeting**

**May 3, 2016**

**Members in Attendance:** J. Rockwood; I. Gray; A. Huhn; E. Fung; N. Gidda; E. De Gooyer; P. Mayo; A. Goddard; I. Li; S. Salih; Y. Gebrewold; S. Gebrewold; C. Ho; C. Au; S. Goonewardena; A. Hussein

**Regrets:** A. Hofmann; L. Demskie

**Guests in Attendance:** V. Tran (teacher coordinating Student Council); N. Li (Student Council Rep.);

**Board Member in Attendance:** None

**1.0 Call to Order:** 6:04pm by A. Huhn

**2.0 Additions/changes to the Agenda:**

- 14.7 Letter from the Board update
- 14.8 Petition from parents

**3.0 Approval of Minutes from: April 5, 2016**

**Motion:** S. Salih

**Second:** I. Li

**Motion Carried/Motion Lost:** All in favour

**4.0 Student Council Report:** N. Li (School Council Rep.) reported:

- 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: bulletin board with a wordle
- Water fountain legacy gift: service order has been placed, School Council will be updated with installation date.
- Spring dance earlier this month: 130 students (72 from grades 7-9, 58 from grades 5-6)
- Upcoming events for May: 27<sup>th</sup> – Hot Lunch, Mufti-day (Twin day); Student Council will be doing Random Acts of Kindness (names will be put in for a draw of various prizes)
- Wrap-up event for all members will be in June

**5.0 Board Report:** No Board report

**6.0 Guest Report:** No Board report

**7.0 Middle School Principal Report:** J. Rockwood reported:

- Exams and PATs start next week for grades 6s and 9s
- Camp Warwa for Gr. 9s: weekend of the 13th

- Telus overnight trip with Gr. 6s at Telus World of Science: weekend of the 27th
- Track and flag football starting
- Survey for the Europe trip for 2017-2018
- 4 students going to the Canada-Wide Science Fair in May: 4 out of the 8 spots for this area went to Aurora students

**8.0 Elementary Principal Report:** I. Gray reported:

- Teacher involvement with ATA: external meeting
- Mrs. Makepeace and Mrs. Healy receiving their Masters Degree in Portland
- Google Conference is a go on May 20<sup>th</sup>
- Kindergarten Parent information evening coming up
- Kindergarten Discovery Day
- English and L.A. unified exams for Gr. 4 are complete
- CTBS are in the works
- Parent Survey

**9.0 Treasurer's Report:** No Treasurer's report

**10.0 Fundraising Report:** A. Huhn reported the following:

- Spell-A-Thon: \$7,000 raised, \$3,600 goes to School Council
- Bring ideas to next meeting regarding fundraisers for the fall

**11.0 Request for Funds from School Council:** J. Rockwood requests funding for:

- Graduation Gift for Grade 9's: Grad books: up to \$1,000

**Motion:** S. Salih

**Second:** P. Mayo

**Motion Carried:** All in favour

**12.0 Beautification Report:** A. Huhn reported the following:

- Flowers & Concrete Planters by A. Wiewel in front of school

**13.0 Board Committee Reports:** A. Huhn reported the following:

- No reports
- Next meetings: Policy Committee May 9<sup>th</sup>, Growth Committee May 12<sup>th</sup>, Transportation Committee May 19<sup>th</sup>

**14.0 New Business:**

**14.1 Cook Book for 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** P. Mayo reported the following:

- Seeking input: do we go forward as the number of recipes were low (1/7 of the school submitted), what title pages do we use
- Send to printer and see what the cost will be

- Send out an order form and see how many orders we get, get funds up front and see

**14.2 Uniforms** (Candice asked to add this on however she's absent)

- if there are enough concerns there will be a need for a committee
- Mr. Gray relayed the conversation he had with Candice: it wasn't just about colors or quality, it was more on accessories, which way to go on that; the LGTBQ rights, the words boys and girls will be removed from the order form; perhaps change the colors so that elementary school colors will be brighter and middle school colors will be more subdued

**14.3 Parent Engagement Meetings:** A. Huhn reported the following:

- We are going forward with hosting 2 meetings, one at the school and one on the south side
- Could talk about uniform issues, homework, study period
- Gives us a chance to hear what other parents want, collect feedback and answer any questions that they may have so School Council has a better representation of parents

**14.4 June Meeting:** A. Huhn reported the following

- Will have a meeting, it will also be a potluck

**14.5 Choir Update:** A. Goddard reported the following:

- Great feedback from survey: 41 – study period, 72 – lunch time, 5 – before school, 2 – other option, 3 – don't want it at all
- Mrs. Steinke will teach it and A. Goddard will help
- Will go over with Mrs. Steinke and come back with a proposal

**14.6 Teacher Appreciation Day:** A. Huhn reported the following

- \$500 was approved a few months back
- Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> with lunch (sandwiches and salads from Superstore: A. Huhn) and a candy bar (S. Sahil, E. Fung and P. Mayo)
- 45 staff members

**14.7 Letter from the Board Update:** A. Huhn reported the following:

- School Council received a letter back from the Board regarding the letter School Council sent regarding communication issues

**14.8 Petition from Parents**

- Parents signed a petition of about 350 names that also went to the Board with an unsatisfied response

**15.0 Next Meeting:** June 7, 2016 at 6:30pm in School Library