

Aurora Academic Charter School Council Meeting

September 6, 2016

Members in Attendance: J. Rockwood; J. Harman; A. Huhn; E. Fung; P. Mayo; S. Salih; C. Ho; J. O'Connor; T. Hoang

Guests in Attendance: V. Tran (teacher coordinating Student Council)

Board Member in Attendance: None

1.0 Call to Order: 6:07pm by A. Huhn

2.0 Additions/changes to the Agenda:

- 14.8 Missed lunches

3.0 Approval of Minutes from: June 7, 2016

Motion: C. Ho

Second: S. Salih

Motion Carried/Motion Lost: All in favour

4.0 Student Council Report: No Student Council Report

5.0 Board Report: No Board report

6.0 Guest Report: No Guest report

7.0 Middle School Principal Report: J. Rockwood reported:

- 2 new staff members: Ron Ceilin (Gr. 5/6 Music); Brittany Monteith (Gr. 7/8 Math & Science)
- Construction: near complete
 - 4 new classrooms: food lab, science lab, Learning Commons & Wellness Centre
- Sports League: cross country running, boys & girls soccer; intramurals starting next week (5/6 & 7/8/9)
- Supervision: increase in middle school during recess; staggered lunches with elementary (middle school goes outside first for recess)
- PD Days: keep working on Power School as a communication tool with parents; Technology with Mr. Gray; Curriculum alignment (due to more than 1 teacher teaching subjects, everyone needs to be on same page); Sept PD is on anxiety in children; Oct PD is to have all teachers finish First Aid Training.
- Student Teachers: have applied for
- Classes 5-9 are full
- Alberta School Council Association suggested to map out school events:

- new orientation for Gr 7 parents and students, meet the teacher on Thursday, Terry Fox Run Sept 29th, Picture Day Oct 4, National Bullying Awareness week Nov13-19, Science Fair Feb 24/25, Gr 9 Grad June 10, will use Healthy Hunger again for Hot Lunches in Middle School, Citadel Theatre Club for junior high, Panterra Trip to Mexico over Spring Break March 26-April 2 16 students 3 teachers Gr. 7-9

8.0 Elementary Principal Report: J. Harman reported:

- 2 new staff members 1 return: Shonna Marko-Kwasny (Gr 2-4 French); Victoria Dias (Gr 4); Tess Woodman (Phonics)
- 4 classes per grade (including 2 ½-day Kindergarten and 2 full-day Kindergarten classes)
- changed the bell slightly, moved them up to share the field at lunch time and share the use of the playground; looking at options and will discuss more at PD Day
- gyms are being upgraded, hopefully be done by November
- Ms. Makepeace has office in corner until next construction phase, which is the same room for speech pathology
- PD Day: co-anti anxiety, curricular alignment within the grade (what are people doing and have a similarity), technology with Power School (Grade book program that Middle School is using)
- 2 teachers who signed up for student teachers
- 380 students in Elementary
- school is off to a great start, has met parents and most of the kids
- School events:
 - Remembrance Day celebration Nov 9, Terry Fox run, running club starting tomorrow, Christmas Concert this year, Winter fun and Summer fun, Kindergarten Discovery Day in Spring
- Monthly Newsletter coming on the 15th of every month
- What is the best way to communicate, weekly emails? Too much? Need feedback

9.0 Treasurer's Report: No Treasurer's Report

10.0 Fundraising Report: A. Huhn reported the following:

- Student Union Ticket Pack – send a flyer out with information this week, set deadline of September 23
- Harvest Bundle – a healthy alternative, will go out at the same time as SUTP, Oct 4/5 delivery
- Chocolates – A. Huhn to check on deadlines, do it closer to December

11.0 Request for Funds from School Council:

- change date on form to September 2016 and have the teachers hand in their filled forms by October 3rd before the next School Council meeting

- 12.0 Beautification Report:** No Report
- This item will be removed from agenda

13.0 Board Committee Reports: No Board Committee Reports

14.0 New Business:

14.1 Parent Engagement Meeting Summary: A. Huhn reported the following:

- Received 20 responses back, 40 attended 1st meeting and 13 attended 2nd meeting
- 1st question: school changes, uniforms – fall meeting with Top Marks. Have options for hair accessories, tights (white, black, blue), knee socks. For next year.

Motion: S. Salih

Second: P. Mayo

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- 2nd question: Fundraising – due to the economy, go with chocolates, the cheaper kind, lower priced
- Wendy from Alberta School Council Association mentioned to run an open forum when people are running for the Board to allow parents to come to ask questions, can do this before the actual AGM. Will let the Board know there is an interest for the open forum.
- Parking lot: didn't get approval from the city yet
- Have a letter sent out again as a friendly reminder of courtesy driving during pick up and drop off

14.2 School Start

- 150 orders came in, equally spaced between elementary and middle school, \$300 fundraiser

14.3 Student Banking Program:

- ATB: unfortunately, the branch that would be doing this for us can't accommodate us this year

14.4 Meet the Teacher:

- covered in principals reports

14.5 Choir Update:

- A. Goddard not available to give an update. Can contact Mrs. Steinke

14.6 Yearly Agenda:

- sample of yearly agenda handed out and labeled:
 - ➔ October – AGM/Elections

- ➔ November – Discussion of Jurisdiction's 3 yr plan, School's 3 yr plan and update School Council plan, ASCA can help
- ➔ December – Jurisdiction and School's results reported, exam results and Accountability Pillar
- ➔ January – no meeting
- ➔ February -
- ➔ March – fundraisers can be evaluated at this time
- ➔ April – no meeting
- ➔ May -
- ➔ June -

14.7 AGM – October 4: as per operating procedures, need 14 days prior notice to parents of the AGM.

14.8 Missed Lunches

- Let's fund it again, \$500

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15.0 Announcements: flyer to go out to let parents know what is going on (by end of week): one school council or two school councils (Aurora has 2 school codes); dropping and picking up kids parking arrangements; fundraisers coming up; meeting on September 19 @ 6pm, need quorum with 20 parents to vote

16.0 Topics Tabled for Next Meeting

17.0 Next Meeting: October 4, 2016 at Learning Commons