



**Aurora School Ltd.**  
**Special Board of Directors Meeting**  
(Follow Up from Visioning Meeting of February 2)  
**March 21, 2016**

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**16-03-21-01 Call to Order and Roll Call**

Meeting called to order at 2:35pm by Dr. Shamir Mukhi, Board Chair

**Present:** Dale Bischoff, Rehana Devji, Shamir Mukhi, Steven Penney, Qumber Rizvi, Marla Leganchuk (arrived at 3:20pm).

**Absent:** Rebecca Harrison

**Guest:** Garry Andrews

**16-03-21-02 Agenda**

**1. Strategic Planning Process**

Follow-up from the February 2, 2016 Board Retreat (Visioning Meeting).

Garry Andrews, workshop facilitator, presented for information and discussion a review of the “strategic planning” activities covered at the special visioning meeting (Feb 2).

Highlights included:

- Review Dave van Tamelen “proceedings” document. This document should be posted to the Aurora website with the staff/parent recommendation briefs attached.

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	
<i>Dave van Tamelen February 2 “proceedings summary” with teacher/parent recommendations briefs shall be posted on the Aurora website.</i>	<i>Susan Mallory, Board Secretary</i>

- In the Charter renewal letter from the Minister of Education, he directly challenged Aurora to “develop a charter that is updated and reflects a unique and innovative program based on the education landscape in Alberta today.”
- Following this need to review the Aurora charter, the Aurora Board targeted the development of a “team process” that stakeholders could utilize for developing a new organizational “common vision.” To this effect Board discussed the initiation of a new “Strategic Planning Committee”, made up of representatives of Aurora stakeholders. Preliminary committee composition could include at a minimum: 2 Board members (1 to chair), 2 school based admin, 2 teachers, 2 parents, 2 students. Committee meetings would be open.

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	
<i>At the Board meeting of April 18, the Board would move to initiate a new Strategic Planning Committee.</i>	<i>Shamir Mukhi, Board Chair</i>

- The Strategic Planning Committee would review “Vision and common values” that may be problematic in the Aurora Charter and the Aurora Articles of Association.
- Some of these Aurora “values” terms identified that need review and possible updating include: defining traditional education, teacher centered vs student centered, inclusion of special needs students, reliance on “teacher directed” instruction, removal of school council operating procedures from our articles of association, review the use of proxy



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ballots for Board election, other issues and/or values identified by the Strategic Planning Committee.

- It was recommended that the Aurora Charter Agreement and the Aurora Articles of Achievement be reviewed with the track changes on the above identified “values” terms. The superintendent, in consultation with the school based administration will present possible new language/terms for the Strategic Planning Committee to review. If and when there is a consensus from the committee to move forward with recommendations, the updated Charter Agreement and the Articles of Association would be brought to a general meeting of the parents for debate, ratification and a vote.

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	
<i>Aurora Charter Agreement and Articles of Association would be prepared with track changes identifying possible language/terms of organizational values that might need updating.</i>	<i>Superintendent in consultation with school based administration.</i>

- The Aurora Board of Directors would meet May 5 (4:00 pm – 5:00 pm) to review planning. Garry Andrews recommended that the Board invite Dr. Lynne Paradis to facilitate further strategic visioning processes.

**2. Communication Strategy**

There was a discussion about how to strengthen communication within and outside the organization, and about how to make more accessible to stakeholders the vision of the Aurora Board of Directors.

<b>ACTION ITEM</b>	
<i>A monthly email newsletter will be forwarded by the Board Chair to all parents. The message will outline current Board initiatives.</i>	<i>Shamir Mukhi, Board Chair.</i>

**3. Policy Committee BP 6180 – 3rd reading**

Policy BP 6180 was presented to the Board for discussion and third reading:

[Motion to approve third reading of BP 6180, as presented, made by: Steven Penney](#)  
[Seconded, carried unanimously.](#)

**16-03-21-03 Calendar Dates to Remember**

May 5 ..... TAAPCS Board Directors meeting (3:00 – 4:00pm)  
 May 6 ..... TAAPCS Provincial Meeting (Edmonton, 9:00am – 2:00pm.)

**16-03-21-04 Next Board Meeting**

April 18 at 6:00pm

**16-03-21-05 Adjournment**

[Motion to adjourn the March 21, 2016, Board Meeting at 5:40pm made by: Rehana Devji.](#)