



**Aurora School Ltd.
Board of Directors – Public Board Meeting
October 19, 2015**

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15-10-19-01 Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Dr. Shamir Mukhi, Board Chair

Present: Dale Bischoff, Rehana Devji, Francine Gregory, Marla Leganchuk, Holly Maccagno, Susan Mallory, Shamir Mukhi, Steven Penney

Guest Presenter: Peter Dang, Ian Gray, Amanda Joblinski, Janet Rockwood

Guests: Lorrie Makepeace

Absent: Qumber Rizvi

15-10-19-02 Agenda

Motion to accept the October 19, 2015 agenda as amended, made by: Marla Leganchuk
Seconded, **Carried**.

15-10-19-03 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the September 21, 2015 Board Meeting minutes, made by: Marla Leganchuk
Seconded, **Carried**.

15-10-19-04 Guest Reports

a) Reports from Administration

ELEMENTARY CAMPUS

Ian Gray, Elementary Principal presented the Report from Administration to the Board for information and discussion on the following items:

▪ **AACS Elementary – Vision**

The vision Aurora Elementary is adopting is: *Aurora Academic Elementary School is committed to developing engaged, creative children in a structured environment. AACS-Elementary's current working vision for the use of technology is: The goal of Assistive Technology for Learning (ATL) is to provide support and encouragement in helping all students meet their individual and curricular needs and objectives.*

The Principal noted that their vision is a process so that they can align themselves with other Boards and schools. The Board Chair expressed concerns about the AACS-Elementary vision and noted that it needs to be discussed in more detail, even though it is an informal vision. Tabled to next meeting or could be discussed during the Board retreat in January 2016.

<i>ACTION ITEM (15-10-19-04)</i>	
<i>AACS – Elementary Vision. Tabled to next meeting or January 2016 Board retreat.</i>	<i>Shamir Mukhi, Board Chair Ian Gray, Elementary Principal</i>

- **PowerSchool**
- **Alberta Assessment Consortium**



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- **Kindergarten Program**

Concerns with student transportation have resulted in the reexamination of Aurora’s Kindergarten program, specifically ½ day and full day Kindergarten programs. The Board asked for a report on how children are doing in each type of program.

<i>ACTION ITEM (15-10-19-04)</i>	
<i>The Board requests a report on how students are doing in each Kindergarten program</i>	<i>Ian Gray, Elementary Principal</i>

- **Teacher Growth, Supervision & Evaluation**
- **School Events**

VECTORS (OCTOBER 2015)

Presented four Vectors to the Board for information and discussion.

Vector 1: French Programming.

Vector 2: The Leader in Me.

It was noted that the Leader in Me is a citizenship program – teaching kids to be leaders and good citizens.

Vector 3: Lunch Supervision. Overall very positive. There is one lunch supervisor to 155 students. We will spend more than budgeted for if continuing the way we are right now (\$10K over budget). Need to increase fees but cannot come from instructional dollars. There is a difference of \$17/student to cover shortfall. At the end of the day adequate supervision is first and foremost. There would be resistance from teachers if they had to do more supervision. Tabled to next meeting. The Director of Finance offered to sit with the Superintendent and the Elementary Principal to work on solution at a separate meeting rather than at a board meeting. It was noted that this needs to be made a priority. The Principal was asked to email his research to Board members.

<i>ACTION ITEM (15-10-19-04i)</i>	
<i>Discussions tabled to next meeting. Marla Leganchuk offered to meet with the Superintendent and Elementary Principal to work on solution at a separate meeting rather than a Board Meeting.</i>	<i>Marla Leganchuk, Dir. of Finance Dale Bischoff, Superintendent Ian Gray, Elementary Principal</i>

<i>ACTION ITEM (15-10-19-04ii)</i>	
<i>The Board asked the Principal to email his research to the members of the Board.</i>	<i>Ian Gray, Elementary Principal</i>

Vector 4: Kindergarten Program



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MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS

Janet Rockwood, Middle School Principal presented the Report from Administration to the Board for information and discussion on the following items:

- Panterra Trip.
Presented a proposal to the Board requesting approval for the 2017 Panterra Trip (March 25 – April 1, 2017). It was noted that the trip organizers will work with any student/family wishing to participate and unable to afford it.
- PAT Results
- Safety
- Technology
- Professional Development
- Report Cards
- Supervision and Evaluation
- School Events
- Athletics
- Extra-Curricular
- Student Teachers

b) GUEST REPORT (Dave Johnson)

Motion to go in camera made by: Marla Leganchuk
Seconded, **Carried.**

Motion to go out of camera made by: Francine Gregory
Seconded, **Carried.**

The Board wishes to thank Dave Johnson and Dale Bischoff for their excellent work on behalf of the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

15-10-19-05 Secretary Treasurers Report

a) Reserve Funds

The Director of Finance would like to put additional funds (in the amount of \$1.5M) into the reserve for phases 2 and 3.

Motion to internally restrict \$1.5M for future projects made by: Marla Leganchuk
Seconded, **Carried.**



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15-05-19-06 Board Committee Reports

a) Policy Committee (Steven Penney)

The first and second omnibus packages were presented to the Board for third and final reading. The third omnibus package was presented to the Board for review and approval for second reading.

Motion to approve first and second omnibus packages as amended for third and final reading made by: Steven Penney
Seconded, Carried.

Motion to approve the third omnibus package as presented for second reading made by: Steven Penney
Seconded, Carried.

b) Transportation Committee (Susan Mallory)

GPS Pilot

Reviewed progress on the GPS Pilot project and presented the Cover Letter and Consent form to the Board for information.

c) Communications Committee

20th Anniversary (sub-committee)

The 20 Anniversary sub-committee continued their work on event planning. The Chair presented quotes for various activities and promos totaling \$19,000. The sub-committee is still considering on whether to have BBQs as they are very expensive. Plans are to hold an activity each month and the Board is in favour of this approach. No plans to survey parents they have been surveyed too much already.

The Superintendent felt that costs are a little high and plans should include small monthly things and one big grand opening celebration. The Board will cover cost for 20 Anniversary t-shirts. Cook books were another idea suggested. It was suggested that BBQ and grand opening could take place on June 16 2016 and invite Minister of Education. They are waiting on a quote from Crave. Sub-Committee hope to do a gala instead of BBQ.

It was proposed allocating \$15K to sub-committee noting that it is still Board funds. Purchases must be approved through the Central Office. It was noted that the Board is not in favour of a BBQ and that they will cover the grand opening.

d) Growth Committee

Met October 8 and parents and teachers attending, along with the Architect. Discussed colour options presented by our architect. The Board viewed online examples of school spaces. The committee Chair forwarded an email from the Architect to the Board for information. The Architect will be invited to attend the next Board meeting and the



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Superintendent and Committee Chair will also arrange meet with Architect. The Board thanked the committee chair for all her hard work.

<i>ACTION ITEM (15-10-19-06i)</i>	
<i>Invite the Architect to next Board meeting (Nov 16/15)</i>	<i>Dale Bischoff, Superintendent</i>

<i>ACTION ITEM (15-10-19-06ii)</i>	
<i>Set up meeting between Architect, Superintendent, and Committee Chair</i>	<i>Dale Bischoff, Superintendent</i>

15-10-19-07 Superintendent Report

a) Charter Renewal

Letter needs to be prepared and sent to the Minister asking for Charter Renewal. Reviewed concerns of AB Education.

<i>ACTION ITEM (15-10-19-07i)</i>	
<i>Prepare letter to the Minister asking to renew Charter</i>	<i>Dale Bischoff, Superintendent</i>

b) Construction Update

Construction is behind on grade 3 classrooms mainly due to electrical. Also behind one month behind due to steel. There is a being meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2015 with the contractors.

c) Capital Planning

Forwarded letter from infrastructure to Board members. Superintendent does not know how much Aurora will receive but should receive notice of amount in the mail shortly. Aurora will need to fast track Phase II (Shumka offices, Studio 2 and 3, etc.). Superintendent asked the Board to empower him to begin discussions with our Architect and set up a contract, as we need start applications for a development permit to speed things along. Aurora will need to tender the contract for the architect.

[Motion authorizing the Superintendent by the Board to enter into negotiations with the architect to bring Phase 2 renovations to development permit stage, made by: Francine Gregory](#)
Seconded, Carried.

The Superintendent advised the Board that Aurora will need to send a letter to Shumka letting them know that we will not be giving an extension to their lease request. There is a possibility Aurora could allow Shumka to informally lease month to month for minimal space. The Superintendent will prepare the letter to Shumka and review it with the board at the next board meeting.



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<i>ACTION ITEM (15-10-19-07ii)</i>	
<i>Preparation of letter to Shumka re no extension of lease agreement</i>	<i>Dale Bischoff, Superintendent</i>

15-05-19-08 Board Chair Items

Dale – did Shamir go over any items after I left?

15-05-19-09 Upcoming Date Reminders

October 29 TAAPCS AGM in Calgary
October 30 TAAPCS Charter School Conference
November 16 Next Board Meeting
November 26 AGM

15-03-20-10 Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the October 13, 2015 Board Meeting at _____pm made by:

Submitted by: _____
Susan Mallory, Recording Secretary