

## Aurora Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 @ 7 p.m.

### 1. **Land Acknowledgement** (Zahida Hirani-Saran, Board Chair) 7:00 PM

We acknowledge that Aurora Academic Charter School and our community work, live, and play on the traditional territories of the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene, Nakota Sioux, and Inuit whose footsteps continue to mark these lands in the future. We continually express our gratitude and respect for the land as we honor Treaty 6, its role in education, and the ancestral Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us. Aurora Academic Charter School believes that truth must be acknowledged to move forward in reconciliation. We take this time to reflect on our roles and commit to building and strengthening our valued friendships and partnerships with Indigenous peoples in our teaching and learning. We celebrate the rich diversity of the Indigenous as it connects with the diversity of Aurora Academic Charter School's culture, values, and desire to live in peace and prosperity together on this land we all call home.

### 2. **Call to Order** (Zahida Hirani-Saran, Board Chair) 7:05 PM

#### a. Approval of the March 20, 2024, *Meeting of the Board of Directors* Agenda (Motion)

Motion to approve the March 20, 2024, *Meeting of the Board of Directors* Agenda.

Made by: Constance Amenaghawon

Seconded by: Fauziat Raji

In Favour: Unanimous

#### b. Approval of the February 21, 2024, *Meeting of the Board of Directors* Minutes (Motion)

Motion to Approval of the February 21, 2024, *Meeting of the Board of Directors* Minutes. With the change of Top Marks and Canada online donations were carried forward from November 2023.

Made by: Jennifer Singh

Seconded by: Kerry-Ann Sitcheron

In Favour: 5

### 1. **Director of Finance Update** (Constance Amenaghawon, Finance Chair) 7:10 PM

#### a. February Financials

For revenues, we have over 970K from Alberta Education. Our actual enrollment is 3% lower than the budgeted. Alberta infrastructure received 26k in March and Other fees and Transportation received over 53K. Yearbook sale started in March. Investment income made over 22K in Feb. Alberta Fundraising brought in over 12K. Total revenue of Feb 2024 is over 1.1M.

For expenses, Instruction K-11 is over 780K. Operation and maintenance expenses are over 250K. Transportation expense is over 120K. Board and system is over 29K. Total expense is over 1.2M. February deficit is over 78K.

## 2. **Superintendent Report** (Ian Gray) 7:40 PM

### a. School Updates

- Primary School:
  - Picture Day.
  - Yearly Teacher's Convention.
  - International Women's Day.
  - Science Fair.
  - Primary Family Dance.
  
- Secondary School:
  - Dual Credit Courses.
  - Research Projects.
  - Community Engagement Learning.
  - 2 Open houses.
  - Science Fair.
  - Track and Field.
  - Debate Competition.

### b. Facilities Update

- i. AACSS Leasehold Improvements
  - Updates for the New Secondary School. There are some changes regarding the Gym, Front Entrance, and a few classrooms. See details in AACSS Leasehold Improvements. pdf document.

### c. Research

- i. Research & Grant Manager Report
  - WFF online workshop for Aurora families/staff and Sherbrook Community League is on March 14, 2024.

Canada Post Foundation Grant Application for Aurora Secondary outdoor basketball equipment.

- ii. An Investigation into School Violence in Alberta:  
Assessing Measurement Methodologies and Proposing  
Strategic Recommendations for Mitigation

- 1. Paper 1: Understanding School Violence in Alberta:  
Prevalence, Types, and Impact

d. Enrolment

Increasing number of students and classes in Primary and Secondary.

Grade	Number of Classes 2024	Number of Students Per Class	Total Number of Students	School Population
Kindergarten	5	20	100	
One	6	20	120	
Two	4	20	80	
Three	4	20	80	
Four	5	22	110	
Five	5	22	110	
Six	5	22	110	
Seven	5	24	120	
			<b>830 Primary Students</b>	
Eight	6	24	144	
Nine	5	24	120	
Ten	3	28	84	
Eleven	2	18	36	
Twelve	2	18	36	
<b>57 Total Classes</b>		<b>21.7 Average Students Per Class</b>	<b>420 Secondary Students</b>	
			<b>1250 Total Students</b>	

e. Recognition of Long Service

Last year, we had people sitting in 2 different areas. Preferably to have a larger place that can fit all people in one area.

f. Organizational Assessment/Strategic Planning

It has been delayed. It might start in the beginning of May.

- 3. The Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools Priority Committee (Fauziat Raji, Director)  
8:10 PM

a. TAAPCS Membership (motion)

The Board decided to wait and see. No motion today.

4. Policy Committee (Kerry-Ann Sitcheron) 8:30 PM

a. 1060 BP: Role of the Board (2nd Reading)

Remove the line: Ensures that decisions made consider larger environmental and social impacts.

Motion to accept 1060 BP: Role of the Board (2nd Reading).

Made by: Fauziat Raji

Seconded by: Ajoke Oimage

In Favour: Unanimous

b. 3500 BP: Student Cumulative Records (3rd Repeal)

Motion to repeal 3500 BP: Student Cumulative Records (3rd Repeal).

Made by: Fauziat Raji

Seconded by: Constance Amenaghawon

In Favour: Unanimous

c. 5000 BP: Recruitment and Selection (2nd Reading)

Policy Statement edited.

Motion to accept 5000 BP: Recruitment and Selection (2nd Reading).

Made by: Kerry-Ann Sitcheron

Seconded by: Jennifer Singh

In Favour: 5 Abstaining: 1

d. 5120 BP: Staff Professional Development (1st Reading)

Hold off on this policy, and take back to Policy Committee.

e. 6170 BP: Extended Absences (2nd Reading)

Policy Statement edited.

Motion to accept 6170 BP: Extended Absences (2nd Reading).

Made by: Ajoke Omage

Seconded by: Constance Amenaghawon

In Favour: Unanimous

f. 7040 BP: Technology Policy (2nd Reading)

First sentence is not necessary. This is the new copy of the policy.

Motion to accept 7040 BP: Technology Policy (2nd Reading)

Made by: Constance Amenaghawon

Seconded by: Fauziat Raji

In Favour: Unanimous

g. 7250 BP: Copyright (1st Repeal)

Motion to accept 7250 BP: Copyright (1st Repeal)

Made by: Ajoke Omage

Seconded by: Fauziat Raji

In Favour: Unanimous

h. 8100 BP: School Cancellation (3rd Repeal)

Motion to repeal 8100 BP: School Cancellation (3rd Repeal).

Made by: Fauziat Raji

Seconded by: Kerry-Ann Sitcheron

In Favour: Unanimous

i. 8300 BP: Occupational Health & Safety (3rd Reading)

Motion to accept 8300 BP: Occupational Health & Safety (3rd Reading).

Made by: Ajoke Oimage

Seconded by: Kerry-Ann Sitcheron

In Favour: Unanimous

5. Board of Directors (Zahida Hirani-Saran, Board Chair) 9:15 PM

Pre-budget and budget planning in April.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 25, 2025.

6. **Adjournment** (projected) 9:25 PM

Motion to Adjourn.

Made by: Fauziat Raji