Aurora Academic Charter School
School Council Meeting

June 7, 2017

Members in Attendance: J. Rockwood, J. Harman, E. Fung, S. Salih, I. Li, J. O'Connor, P. Mayo, L. Lieu, K. Lacey, N. Fisher, Y. Gesrewold

Guests in Attendance: No Guests

Board Member in Attendance: P. Mayo

1.0 Call to Order: 6:23 p.m. by E. Fung

2.0 Additions/Changes to Agenda:

- Plants maintenance during the summer
  - → Kasia and Krystyna will be coming in during the summer to water the plants
  - → Plants will need to be in a centralized location (foods lab)

3.0 Approval of Minutes from: May 3, 2017
Motion: I. Li
Second: S. Salih
Motion Carried/Motion Lost: All in favour

4.0 Student Council Report: No Report

5.0 Board Report: P. Mayo reported:

- In the process of hiring a Superintendent for the next school year

6.0 Guest Report: No Report

7.0 Middle School Principal Report: J. Rockwood reported:

- All uniforms must display the new logo for next school year 2017-2018
- School Events:
  - → Text Anxiety session with AHC on May 11 was not well attended, but teachers will be handing out handouts to their classes during Health class before exams
  - → Grade 5 orientation on May 31 was extremely well attended and well received; School Council rep and Board rep spoke to parents; positive feedback
  - → Grade 7 orientation will be in August for new families coming into the school
  - → June 23 – Grade 5 student orientation (pretend Grade 5 day, meet the teacher, play with locks, etc.)
  - → May 23-26 – Random Acts of Kindness

- → Club wrap ups – Theatre Club, Chess Club, Rubiks Cube Club
- → Math contest
- → May 5 & 6 – Camp Warwa trip (Grade 9); students had a great time; lots of favourite memories at school; all but about 10 didn't go due to conflict with other extra curricular activities

- → Sports:Badminton – 3rd place in finishing and 5th place finishing with the senior team; 1st and 4th finishing with the junior team in the finals
- → Track and Field – (Grade 7-9) good showing; had a 1st in city qualifiers in long jump; 4th in long jump; 5th in turbo javlin; 5th in 100m; 5th in shot put; 3rd in 4X100m

- Appreciation Lunch – Thanks to School Council; good way to end year and it feels good to be appreciated; teachers don't get to eat together very often, nice to sit and be able to enjoy each others company
- Graduation to this weekend – 16 out of 18 students that were here from Kindergarten that are graduating this year
- Coffee the Foyer – going very well; thanks to School Council for sponsoring that and being there; it's welcoming
- Exams start Monday
- Supply list was issued through the newsletter; School Start is available for parents to order from; cheque was finally issued ($685) for last year which was our second year using School Start
- Science Fair – looking at changing the format as it's getting too massive to manage and too massive to get judges for (not reasonable to get judges to come for 3 days in a row and to have the gym space for that long); would still have the students do the project in class as it's part of the charter and embellishments is the Science Fair, just that a certain percentage of each grade will then go on to the larger Fair, and then go on to the Regionals
  - → also looking at doing our own Science Olympics to help with the choosing of the participants to go to the City Science Fair

8.0 Elementary Principal Report: J. Harman reported:

- June PD Day – Mrs. Makepeace brought in an educational psychologist, for the afternoon, who went over how to recognize mental health issues and when to refer for further support and strategies to use (ie. Autism and ADHD); also how to facilitate that conversation with parents
  - → morning session was run by the teachers who took turns to present on topics they worked on and presented it to the rest of the staff: Chromebooks and the Classroom; Student Mental Health; Math Games; English Empowering Writers Program
- June 9 Discovery Day – would like Board rep and School Council rep to come out (9am-10am and 1pm-2pm); gives a chance for Kindergarten parents to meet; Lisa in Transportation will also speak

- French plays have been going on this week for Grade 1-4: Ma Poule Maboule; amazing support from parents as audience for the presentationsHeating and Cooling: it's been better than before; there are still a number of hot rooms; the Kindergarten rooms are officially air-conditioned; I'm monitoring the rooms on a consistent basis and seeing which ones are the worst and trying different strategies; bought 6 new fans on top of the fans that are already in each room from last year; the hottest rooms have 2-3 fans
- Leadership Cubs – Teacher Appreciation and Farewell; thanks to School Council to help support that (parents came to supervise classrooms); there was cake; Grade 4s played 'Old Lang Syne' on piano, poem recitation 'You Will Always Be My Inspiration'
- June 15 – Kindergarten project for Father's Day
- June 29 – Summer Fun Day on track
- Kindergarten assessments are on going
- Spell-a-thon – consensus is to move it to November or December
- Christmas Concert – a committee has started already to start organizing; need feedback on space options; one teacher lives by a church, South Point, that has an amphitheater that seats 1200 people; one member's concern – will it be an issue due to the religious affiliation?; Need suggestions of places that can seat over 1000 and has a stage
- Due to elevator and the closure of the Bear Den gym, during one of the PD days, the teachers came up with some ideas of what can be done in the classrooms during gym times; City of Edmonton can offer some programs; maybe the Sherbrooke Community; can also negotiate with Middle School side; maybe one day a month can go out for programs;
- Hot Lunch – need feedback for the organizers and what to do for next year; members' feedback: Edo Japan is good, pizza ones the pizzas were on the cold side and crust were hard; Subway will be off the list as there was a bunch of bread and not sandwiches; Wok Box is good

9.0 Treasurer's Report: Ilse reported:
$18,011.50 in account (not all invoices have been submitted yet)

10.0 Fundraising Report: No Report

11.0 Request for Funds from School Council: E. Fung reported:

- V. Leong – Middle School – 10 New Track and Field Singlets $350
- V. Leong – Middle School – 3 Sets of Bowling Pins and 2 Sets of Basketball hoops (portable) $1,265 + GST
- V. Tran – Middle School – November Event, Wayne Lee the hypnotist $1,000
- V. Tran – Middle School – First LEGO League of 10 students for 2017/2018 school year registration fee $225

Motion to fund all above: I. Li
Second: S. Salih
Motion Carried/Motion Lost: All in favour

- Requests to hold until new school year of 2017/2018:
  - → A. Joblinski – Grade 7-9 December 21 field trip to Telus World of Science – busing cost $1,700
  - → A. Joblinski – Middle School - School Science Fair $2,000
  - → A. Joblinski – Middle School – Edmonton Science Olympics $700

12.0 Board Committee Reports: No Report

13.0 New Business:

13.1 Schedule of Meetings for new school year 2017/2018: E. Fung reported:

- Have template for new brochure; do we keep it on Wednesdays, do we print the schedule on?
- Do not print on brochure/keep Wednesday

13.2 Printer Toner

- No need; can use colour printer in Learning Commons or Middle School copier next year, as School Council used Elementary copier this year

13.3 Plants: E. Fung reported:

- $350 for Elementary and $350 for Middle School – purchase of plants for teachers' rooms

Motion: I. Li
Second: S. Salih
Motion Carried/Motion Lost: All in favour

14.0 Announcements: None

15.0 Topics Tabled for Next Meeting: Nominations for AGM elections

16.0 Next Meeting: Wednesday, September at 6 p.m. in the Learning Commons

17.0 Adjournment: E. Fung moves to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.