

Aurora Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 17, 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 June 17, 2024, *Meeting of the Board of Directors* Agenda (Motion)

Motion to approve the June 17, 2024, *Meeting of the Board of Directors* Agenda.

Made by: Constance Amenaghawon

Seconded by: Ajoke Oimage

In Favour: Unanimous

b. Approval of the May 23, 2024 Minutes (Motion)

Motion to approval of the May 23, 2024, *Meeting of the Board of Directors* Minutes.

Made by: Kerry-Ann Sitcheron

Seconded by: Ajoke Oimage

In Favour: Unanimous

c. Approval of the June 10, 2024 Minutes (Motion)

Motion to approval of the May 23, 2024, *Meeting of the Board of Directors* Minutes.

Made by: Constance Amenaghawon

Seconded by: Jennifer Singh

In Favour: Unanimous

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

a. May Financials

For revenues, we have over 979K from Alberta Education. Our actual enrollment is 3% lower than the budgeted. Alberta infrastructure received over 26k, and Other fees and Transportation received over 85K. Total revenue of May 2024 is over 1.1M.

For expenses, Instruction K-11 is over 824K. Operation and maintenance expenses are over 211K. Transportation expense is over 152K. Board and system is over 40K. Total expense is over 1.2M. May deficit is 61K.

2. **Superintendent Report** (Ian Gray) 7:35 PM

a. School Updates

- Primary School: Students did well at the Zones and City track and field. Several of our grade 7s did very well at the Edmonton Regional Heritage Fair. Casino event will go towards subsidizing or paying for equipment, field trips, guest speakers and presenters. Primary teachers will be moving rooms, etc.

- Secondary School: New exam schedule. G 8/9 have life skills classes. Indigenous People's day. Fastest senior high girl in the province at Track n field, etc.

b. Research

i. Research & Grant Report

By Dr. Paul Wozny:

a) Strategic Planning Focus Group Input

b) Mindfulness Online Workshop with Psychologist Aaron Block

c) Research and Innovation in School Education online scholarly journal update

c. Student Learning Services

i. Student Learning Supports Report

By Mary Healy.

d. Marketing

e. 2024-2029 Strategic Plan

Ian has completed the review of the previous one, and looking for the feedback of the surveys. Surveys will be distributed to parents in early September.

- f. The Superintendent's New Contract
Ian's new contract for the next 5 years.

Motion to accept the Superintendent Ian's new contract, from Sep 1, 2024 to Aug 31, 2029.

Made by: Ajoke Oimage

Seconded by: Constance Amenaghawon

In Favour: Unanimous (6 members)

3. Policy Committee (Kerry-Ann Sitcheron) 8:05 PM

- a. 3800 BP: Abuse (1st Reading)

This is requested by the insurance company, and need to be finished by the start of next school year.

Motion to accept 3800 BP: Abuse (1st Reading)

Made by: Kerry-Ann Sitcheron

Seconded by: Ajoke Oimage

In Favour: Unanimous

4. The Association of Alberta Public Charter School (TAAPCS) (Fauziat Raji) 8:20PM

Fauizat and Ian attended the meeting to represented Aurora School.

A few things were discussed during the meeting are:

- Equal funding for all schools
- Base funding is \$500 per student, SLS funding, Food and Nutrition Grant, etc.
- Charters
- Next meeting: Nov 2, 2024

5. Adjournment (projected) 8:30 PM

Motion to Adjourn.

Made by: Constance Amenaghawon