



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 honour 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 peoples 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.

Items

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| 1. | Land Acknowledgement (Zahida Hirani-Saran,Board Chair) | 7:00PM |
| 2. | Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 7:02PM by the Board Chair Zahida Hirani-Saran. | 7:02PM |
| | a. Approval of the September 24, 2024 Meeting of the Board Agenda
Motion to accept the Meeting of the Board of Directors Agenda was motioned to accept by Adadayo and seconded by Fauziat. The board voted unanimous to accept the September 24, 2024 Meeting of the Board of Directors Agenda. | |
| | b. Approval of the Minutes of June 17, 2024
Motion to accept the Minutes of June 17, 2024. Motioned to accept by Constance Amenaghawon and seconded by Fauziat. The board voted unanimous to accept the Minutes of June 17, 2024. | 7:04PM |
| | c. Approval of the Minutes of August 17, 2024
Motion to accept the Minutes of August 17, 2024 was motioned by Constance Amenaghawon and seconded by Fauzait. The board voted to accept the Minutes of August 17, 2024 unanimously. | 7:06PM |
| 3. | Director of Finance Update(Constance Amenaghawon, Finance Chair)
Constance Amenaghawon(Finance Chair) motioned to only review the August Financials as August marks the Fiscal Year End Financial. Motion accepted unanimously by the Board of Directors | 7:08PM |
| | a. June Financial
b. July Financials
c. August Financials
The board expressed concern with the enrollment percentage being 3% less than projected numbers. Ian Gray(Superintendent) assured the board that the -3% is not accurate as of September enrollment number. September numbers are now at the previous projected enrollment. | 7:09PM |

The board addressed the transportation and schools fees with concern of 2023-2024 year late payments. The board wanted to ensure that the finance department keeps on top of the fees for the 2024-2025 school year.

The board requested that the school newsletters state information about donations to the schools and a list of what is needed.

- d. Audit and Finance Committee Meeting Memo September 20, 2024** **7:39PM**
Constance Amenaghawon(Finance Chair) will open the availability for bids of an external auditor for Aurora schools Fiancials

4. Superintendent's Report (Ian Gray) **7:46PM**

- a. Introduction of new employee**
Ian Gray(Superintendent) introduced Khyssa Genery as new Executive Assistant to Ian Gray (Superintendent) and Board Secretary to the Board of Directors

- b. School Culture** **7:47PM**
Focusing on a cohesive school culture with all Aurora Schools.

- c. Research & Grants** **7:49PM**
Ian Gray(Superintendent) presented the Strategic Planning update and introduction of RAISE(Research and Innovation in School Education. A new program that has been funded by grants. RAISE will focus on research with the students and schools of Aurora to expand the foundation of education.

- d. Leading Learning**
- i. Primary School Update** **7:50PM**
An outline of the September 2024 Initiativesand breakdown of the school startup and plans for the 2024-2025 school year.

- ii. Secondary School Update** **7:52PM**
The board discussed the grade 12 graduation with excitement as it is the first year of grade 12's to graduate from the Aurora Charter Schools. Zahida Hirani-Saran(Board of Directors Chair) raised the topic of funding to support the Secondary with the graduation costs. The board discussed in detail concerns and dollar amount and settled 12500.

The board voted on funding 12500 for 2024-2025 Grade 12 Graduation. The vote passed 4 in favor and 2 not.

- iii. Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting Initiative** **8:10PM**
AERO(Assessment, Evaluation and Reporting Optimization) System. This initiative is designed to standardize the assessments, evaluations and reporting of staff and students in Aurora Charter Schools. Creating a unified consistent system across all of Aurora schools will reduce the challenges for staff, students ,and parents. AERO sets clear guidelines for assessments. By data driven decision making. This will ensure better tools for teachers in evaluating students equally and impartially. AERO will create a more collaborative environment.

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| e. School Authority Operations and Resources | 8:11PM |
| <p>i. Facility
Ilan Gray(Superintendent) is ensuring that school leaders submit their capital priorities with justifications, cost detail and timelines that coincide with the schools strategic goals and support learning and operations.</p> | |
| ii. Alberta Avenue | 8:14PM |
| <p>Review of Alberta Avenue Supplementary Budget. The board was pleased that the budget was under the budgeted amount. Additional funding of 550,000 was received and 160,000 was used to repair the boiler system; however, Capital Planning and Alberta Infrastructure has repaid that cost. Zahida Hirani-Saran(Board of Directors Chair) wanted it noted that the hesitation for more spending or to hold off on spending due to future possibilities of the building was a great decision for Auroras Financial future.</p> | |
| iii. Sherbrooke | 8:17PM |
| <p>The Western Hallway is undergoing furnace upgrades that is forecasted to be completed mid-November. The roof in the gym is in need of repair. This falls under Edmonton Public School Boards responsibility. The gym will be closed until further notice for the repairs.</p> | |
| iv. Skyrattler | 8:18PM |
| <p>Renovations on Skyrattler are forecasted to begin Mid to Late-October. The delay is due to pending finalization of the project management selection process.</p> <p>The board decided to table motion for grades at Skyrattler till the next board meeting.</p> | |
| v. Donations | 8:27PM |
| <p>Decided to skip the read over of donations as it was already discussed during August Financials in 3.c</p> | |

Break for 10 minutes and reconvene at 8:38PM

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| 5. Policy Committee (Kerry Sitcheron Policy Committee Chair) | 8:42PM |
| Ilan Grey (Superintendent)reading for Kerry Sitcheron | |
| a. 2075 BP: Strategic Planning Integration (1st Reading) | 8:43PM |
| <p>This policy is a 360 reviewing the school every year. Auditing Aurora as a whole, leadership and the organization review. This policy is designed to protect everyone, Aurora, Staff and students.</p> <p>The policy has been tabled to review how other school boards complete evaluations on staff members.</p> | |



8:49PM

b. 6055 BP: Study Period (1st Reading)

Motion to accept the reading: Fauziat Raji, Seconded Jennifer Singh

Board requested motion of time be added to the policy designated to each school(Study Period is a designated 30 minutes or minimum 30 minutes). The board discussed if attendance will be mandatory for the students that sign up for Study Period.

Motion to accept designated 30 minutes for Study Period

Vote: 5 in favour 1 abstain

Motion Passed

9:03PM

c. 8350 BP: Video Surveillance (1st Reading)

Motion to accept the reading: Fauziat Raji, Seconded Adabayo Ojeleye

Board raised concerns about privacy and student safety with video surveillance in the schools.

Proposed Amendment: Change to section C.2, the principal may request to view the video without a second upon Superintendent written approval.

Vote to approve the proposed amendment: 6 in favour 1 abstaining.

9:15PM

d. 1030 BP: Board Code of Conduct (1st Reading)

Motion to accept the reading: Constance Amenaghawon, Seconded Jennifer Singh

Proposed to set times for the meeting. For example, you must attend 75% of the meeting to receive the Honorarium. This will allocate the Honorarium compensation.

Amendment vote: If the Board Member attends the whole meeting(100% of the meeting) the Board Member receives the Honorarium. The Board Member will not receive the Honorarium if the Board Member does not attend 100% of the meeting. This will ensure accountability and ethics of the Board Members.

Motion to accept the amendment: 1 abstaining, 1 not in favour and 5 in favour.

Motion Passed.

9:27PM

e. 2150 BP: Appeals Procedure(2nd Reading)

Motion to accept the reading: Ajoke Oimage, Seconded by Jennifer Singh.

Amend spelling change from 1st reading. Voted unanimously in favour to accept

9:29PM

f. 5120 BP: Staff Professional Development (3rd and Final Reading)

Motion to accept the reading: Constance Amenaghawon, Seconded by Ajoke Oimage.

The board accepted the change to the professional development funds raised from 1,000 to 1,500. This will grant equality between certified and uncertified staff.

The Board voted unanimously in favour to accept.



- g. 5130 BP: Staff Attire(2nd Reading)** **9:31PM**
Motion to accept the reading: Adadayo Ojeleye, Seconded by Fauziat Raji
Voting unanimous to accept
- h. 6035 BP: Student Code of Conduct(3rd and Final Reading)** **9:32PM**
Motion to accept the reading: Ajoke Oimage, Seconded by Adadayo Ojeleye
Amending to number 5 to preferencing the whole policy"Student code of conduct should be the same inside and outside of the schools.
Vote to accept amendment unanimous in favour
- i. 6180 BP: Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (Passed 1st reading-Tabled)** **9:37PM**
- j. 7280 BP: Copyright(3rd Repeal)** **9:38PM**
Motion to accept the reading: Ajoke Oimage, Seconded Adadayo Ojeleye
Vote to accept the 3rd and final repeal: unanimous
- k. 8030 BP: Community Use Facilities(2nd Reading)** **9:39PM**
Motion to accept the reading: Constance Amenaghawon, Seconded Fauziat Raji
Amend to change to all of Aurora Schools and its facilities rather than listing the school names.
Vote to accept amendment: unanimous
- l. 8050 BP: School Emergencies (2nd Reading)** **9:40PM**
Motion to accept the reading: Fauziat Raji, Seconded Jennifer Singh
Board voted unanimous to accept the policy
- m. 8200 BP: Tobacco, Alcohol, and Cannabis Free Facilities(2nd Reading)** **9:42PM**
Motion to accept the reading: Adadayo Ojeleye, Seconded Fauziat Raji
Voting to accept the policy: unanimous
- 6. Board of Director (Zahida Hirani-Saran Board of Directors Chair)** **9:43PM**
- a. Hope Misson** **9:46PM**
- b. Board Retreat Review**
Board discussed intown retreat possibly in the spring.
- c. Recognition**
Minister's Youth Council Acknowledgement
Retirement of Long Serving Employee
- d. Upcoming Meeting**
October 21, 2024 at 7:00PM
- 7. Adjournment** **9:53PM**
Motion to Adjourn: Adadayo Ojeleye, Seconded Fauzait Raji

