

**Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes
November 23, 2017
RATIFIED**

1. Call to Order

The November 23, 2017 Annual General Meeting was called to order at 7:13pm

2. Acceptance of the Agenda

Motion to accept the November 23, 2017 Annual General Meeting agenda as presented, made by: Rebecca Harrison
Seconded by Doris Shannon, Carried.

3. Ratification of 2016 AGM Minutes

Motion to accept the November 24, 2016 Annual General Meeting minutes as presented, made by: Robert Kossick
Seconded by Marcy D'Agostini, Carried.

4. Introductions, Welcome, and Chair Report

The Board Chair, Shamir Mukhi welcomed everyone in attendance and thanked Board members for their countless hours of volunteer service and dedication to Aurora School. He then introduced the current Board members: Rehana Devji, Rebecca Harrison, Arlene Huhn, Paola Mayo, and Steven Penney. He has been proud to serve on the Board with so many talented individuals over the years, and was very sad to hear of the passing of former Board member Nayyer Rizvi. Dr. Mukhi also thanked the Superintendent for his dedication and vision for Aurora School, along with School Council, school administration, teachers and staff for their ongoing contributions to Aurora School. The chair was very happy to welcome the newest member of the Aurora team, Dr. Paul Wozny as Deputy Superintendent.

Key areas of focus for the Board over the past five years has been:

- Governance
- School Growth & Facility Enhancement
- Technology Expansion
- PE Program Development
- Options Enrichment

The Board is now charting where we go next and have been working on a five year strategic plan in consultation with parents, staff and students to assist in this process. The plan has been completed and will be introduced further on in the meeting. Shamir Mukhi looks to moving forward with a shared vision of Aurora School.

5. Financial Report

Rehana Devji, Director of Finance, presented the 2016-2017 financial report to the membership for review and ratification. She thanked the auditors, Kingston Ross Pasnak, for their excellent work.

Motion to accept the 2016-2017 Audited Financial Statements as presented, made by: Marla Leganchuk
Seconded by Francine Gregory, Carried.

Motion to retain Kingston Ross Pasnak LLP as our school auditors for 2017-2018, made by: Marla Leganchuk
Seconded by: Arlene Huhn, Carried.

6. Summary of the Strategic Plan 2018-2023

Following the 2016 AGM, the Board of Directors initiated a project to involve Aurora School stakeholders in planning for its intermediate future. The input gathered was reviewed and developed in the Strategic Plan. Dale Bischoff, Superintendent, presented a summary of this plan prepared by Dr. Dave Van Tamelen, to the membership for information. The full document can be found on our school website.

There are plans to call a special open meeting of the membership in the spring of 2018 to discuss the modernization of our Articles of Association. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet available for interested parents wanting to participate in committee work.

Question to Dale Bischoff: The AERR contains some confusing terminology that is not familiar, such as student-centered?

Answer: This report will be reviewed in depth at the upcoming School Council meeting. We must balance Alberta Education directives with Aurora values; will not cause a major shift in the way we deliver Aurora programs.

Question to Dale Bischoff: How can this report be accessed?

Answer: The document is posted on our school website under Governance – documents.

Question to Dale Bischoff: Concerns expressed over the ongoing problems with communication to stakeholders. The report does not address 'how'. Need to start articulating the 'how' and in what way are we going to get this started.

Answer: Parents have said publically that they have seen improvement in communications. Also, the collective bargaining agreement gives teachers better means for communication. The Board chair noted that the report is about findings to identify issues/areas of concern, and creating/building communities of practice. The volunteer sign-up sheet is a step towards the 'how'.

Question to Dale Bischoff: Do teachers have suggestions for parents? Should they lead us in what they need?

Answer: We are multi-level; everyone needs to be part of the solution and come up with ideas. It is not a one-strategy fits all.

7. Farewell to outgoing Board of Directors

Dr. Dale Bischoff, Superintendent, thanked outgoing Board members for all their time, hard work, and dedication to Aurora School: Rehana Devji, Shamir Mukhi, and Steven Penney. All have sat on various committees while serving on the Board and their contributions have been invaluable.

8. Board of Directors Elections

Dr. Bischoff introduced the four candidates acclaimed to the Board of Directors: Marcy D’Agostini, Rebecca Harrison, Robert Kossick and Shazin Mohamed-Standing. The candidates each gave a short speech to the membership.

9. Draw for Student Resource Fee

Francine Gregory (ticket #682573) was declared the winner of the paid Student Resource Fee for the 2018-2019 school year (\$150 value).

10. Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the 2017 AGM on November 23, 2017 at 8:30pm made by: Rehana Devji

Submitted by: Susan Mallory, Recording Secretary