

## **Aurora Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Tuesday, February 16, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m., Virtual – Ratified**

Chair: Arlene Huhn

Recording: Marla Leganchuk

Attendees: Keira Hanrahan, Tejinder Bansal, Zahida Hirani-Saran, Robert Kossick, Brandon Plaizier, Janet Rockwood

Regrets: Shazin Mohamed-Standing

Guests: Peter Dang, Jacqueline Harmon, Ian Gray, Mary Healy

### **1. Call to order of the regular Board meeting** (*Arlene Huhn - Board Chair*)

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:05pm, and was held online in compliance with COVID-19 Pandemic social distancing regulations.

#### I. Approval of the February 16, 2021 Agenda (Motion) Attachment 1

Motion to accept the agenda made by: Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Zahida Hirani-Saran

Unanimous. Carried

#### II. Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2021 (Motion)

Attachment 2

Motion to accept the January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021, board meeting minutes made by: Tejinder Bansal

Seconded by: Zahida Hirani-Saran

Unanimous. Carried

#### III. Actionable Items from previous meetings (review)

### **2. Acting Superintendent Report** (*Janet Rockwood*)

**Elementary Entrance Construction Update** (information)

Attachment 3

Aurora School received occupancy as of Jan 29, 2021. Staff have moved in and are now occupying the space. Janet gave a “virtual” tour of the space.

**Update on HVAC Upgrade** (information)

Attachment 4

Construction of Phase I of HVAC upgrade was finished as of February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Warranty will not start until we are able to commission the system, which will be when the weather permits.

**Elementary HVAC (Phase II)** (motion)

Motion to proceed with tender of the Elementary HVAC project, (Phase II) made by:

Zahida Hirani-Saran

Seconded by: Brandon Plaizier

Unanimous. Carried

**COVID-19 update** (information)

Aurora is currently on “alert” as we have more than 2 cases within a 14-day period. Alberta Health Services has implemented new rules for teachers that if a teacher or school staff member can confirm that they were not within 2 meters of their students for more than 15 minutes cumulative during the COVID-19 case’s infectious period, they would not be considered part of the classroom cohort. This teacher or school staff member is not a close contact of the case and does not require quarantine

**COVID-19 requests**

None at this time

**Fee Structure for TAAPCS** (information)

Attachment 5

TAAPCS’s fee structure is consistent with last year and is based on student count.

**Updates** (information)

- New Psychologist will be starting early March
- Our Occupational Therapist Michelle Curtis hosted a Parent night, which was successful with over 30 participants
- Lunch and Learns with Staff and Speech Language Pathologist Chloe Huygen and Occupational Therapist Michelle Curtis with topics such as Google read and write and movement breaks.
- Staff have completed “Respect in School” Admin staff are currently working on completing the “Respect in Workplace”
- Janet has been requested to be part of Research with Social Connectedness.
- Aurora is actively seeking potential sites for school campus growth.
- Discussions around if “at home learning” would continue into 2021-22.
- Transportation service has been exemplary and Aurora has seen a dramatic improvement in service.
- 2 students were published in the Science League Journal
- Coding Club – A new school club, spearheaded by a student, has been created. The club will be running on Saturdays and rotating Teachers will supervise.
- Kindergarten assessment starting last week of February.

**Assurance** (information)

New assurance model, looking into how we can get feedback from stakeholders. Town hall proposed for Wednesday March 17<sup>th</sup> with Admin and Board members in each breakout room. The objective is providing purpose and promise to stakeholders.

**3. Director of Finance Update** (*Director of Finance Shazin Mohamed-Standing*)

**Updated Financials** (information)

Attachment 6

Marla Leganchuk presented the January financial information and discussed the financial variances.

**Capital Reserve Allocation-Letter** (motion)

Motion to apply for Ministerial approval in allocating \$1,000,000 to Capital Reserves made by: Brandon Plaizier

Seconded by: Tejinder Bansal

Unanimous. Carried

**4. Board Committee Reports** Policy Committee (*Keira Hanrahan - Policy Committee Chair*)

**a. 2080BP - Minutes and Records (Motion)**

Motion to approve BP2080 for first reading made by: Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Zahida Hirani-Saran

Unanimous. Carried

**b. 4020BP - Administration of School funds (Motion)**

Motion to approve BP4020 for first reading made by: Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Zahida Hirani-Saran

In Favour: 5

Against: 1

**c. 6050BP - Field Trips (Motion)**

Motion to approve BP6050 for 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading as amended made by: Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Zahida Hirani-Saran

Unanimous. Carried

**d. 8050BP - School Emergencies (Motion)**

Motion to approve BP8050 for first reading made by: Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Robert Kossick

In Favour: 5

Abstain: 1

**e. 8300BP - Occupational Health & Safety (Motion)**

Motion to approve BP8300 for first reading made by: Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Tejinder Bansal  
Unanimous. Carried

## **5. Board of Directors** (*Arlene Huhn - Board Chair*)

### **Charter Renewal**

Aurora School has received a 15 year Charter starting September 2021 from the Minister of Education.

### **TAAPCS Meeting with Minister**

A meeting is scheduled on March 22<sup>nd</sup> with the Minister of Education.

### **TAAPCS Meetings** (Brandon Plaizier)

Brandon updated the Board on information discussed and presented at the TAAPCS Meeting.

## **6. Calendar Reminders**

- I. Teachers' Convention February 25, 26 (no school)
- II. Aurora Board Policy Committee Meeting March 3, 2021, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- III. Aurora Board of Directors Meeting March 18, 2021, 7:00 pm (Thursday)
- IV. Spring Break March 22-April 5

## **7. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 9:02pm made by Zahida Hirani-Saran