



**Aurora Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 15, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m., Virtual
Ratified**

Chair: Arlene Huhn

Recorder: Marla Leganchuk

Attendees: Zahida Hirani-Saran, Robert Kossick, Shazin Mohamed-Standing, Keira Hanrahan, Tejinder Bansal, Janet Rockwood

Regrets: Brandon Plaizier

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

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 7:04pm, and was held online in compliance with COVID-19 Pandemic social distancing regulations.

Approval of the April 15, 2021 Agenda (Motion)

Attachment 1

Motion to accept the April 15, 2021 Agenda made by: Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Tejinder Bansal

Unanimous. Carried

Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2021 (Motion)

Attachment 2

Motion to approve the March 18, 2021 Board meeting minutes as presented made by:

Shazin Mohamed-Standing

Seconded by: Tejinder Bansal

Unanimous. Carried

Actionable Items from previous meetings (review)

Action Item from March 18 2021 meeting minutes: Janet Rockwood advised that three quotes regarding Phase II of the HVAC project (Elementary HVAC) will be ready by end of May 2021.

2. Acting Superintendent Report *(Janet Rockwood)*

On-Line Learning (information)

Attachment 3

March 19 Parents were issued a survey regarding learning preferences for 2021-22. As a result of the survey it was determined that there was not enough interest in “at-home” learning for the 2021-22 school year to be able to offer it as an option to families.

Construction Updates (information)

Elem Front Entrance - Outdoor construction clean up has started and work on the outside landscaping should be starting shortly as the weather warms.

HVAC Middle School – Is expected to be commissioned and issued a certificate of completion any day now, as the outside temperature needs to be greater than 15°C to commission the HVAC system.

Elementary HVAC (information)

Three quotes regarding Phase II of the HVAC project (Elementary HVAC) will be ready by end of May 2021.

Draft Curriculum (information)

Teachers will review the draft curriculum on the April 23, 2021 Professional Development (PD) day. There are several areas of close alignment, such as Math and Language Arts and there are some areas of difference, such as Science and Social Studies.

Action Items:

- Board would like an update on the alignment of Aurora’s approach and the new curriculum once it has been reviewed by teachers on the April 23, 2021 PD Day. Janet will send out an email to the board with a proposal for a meeting date after the PD day.
- Janet to give highlights to the Board after the meeting with Alberta Education on April 16th.

COVID-19 update (information)

COVID cases are on the rise in Alberta. Calgary Public and Calgary Catholic Schools are moving Grades 7-12 to online for two weeks starting April 19th. Only school jurisdictions that approached Alberta Education individually have been granted approval for moving entirely to online learning.

As of April 15th, Aurora has 2 COVID cases.

Janet provided the board detailed measures and procedures that must be taken each time the school is notified by either a parent or by Alberta Health Services (AHS) of a positive COVID case.

COVID-19 requests

None

Updates (information)

- Middle School put on a Parent night April 14th for grade 6 and grade 9 - 30 parents for Provincial Achievement Tests.

- Received a positive letter from a Bus Driver. The Driver expressed her thanks for the exceptional students on her bus and how their positive actions have contributed to the safety of the bus.
- Sherbrooke Community league – Gift Cards given as an expression of thanks.
- Thanks to Mary Healy for Specialized Learning Support (SLS) Team, and have heard very positive feedback from teachers and parents.
- School photos took place April 13-15.
- Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI) April 8th – Positive response to online PTI's. Interviews will be considered to be continually held virtually.
- Aurora Elementary has piloted Letter-Name-Sound Assessment and Castles and Colheart Assessment for Kinder to grade 4 online students. This is to try to reduce learning gaps as a result of COVID learning environments.

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

Updated financials (information)

Attachment 4

Shazin presented the March 2021 financial information and variance analysis.

Operational Funding 2021-2022 (information)

Attachment 5

Shazin presented Aurora's 2021-22 Funding Grant from Alberta Education.

GIC Maturity April 17th (Motion)

Motion to reinvest funds that mature April 17th 2021 into another GIC for 9 months at 0.43% made by:

Shazin Mohamed-Standing

Seconded by: Zahida Hirani-Saran

Unanimous. Carried

4. Board Committee Reports

Policy Committee (*Keira Hanrahan - Policy Committee Chair*)

a. 1010BP - Mission Statement (third & final reading - motion)

Attachment 6

Motion to pass 1010BP Mission Statement for third & final reading made by: Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Shazin Mohamed-Standing

Unanimous. Carried

b. 1030BP - Goals and Objectives (repeal - first reading -motion)

Motion to pass 1030BP Goals and Objectives for repeal first reading made by: Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Shazin Mohamed-Standing

Unanimous. Carried

- c. 1040BP - AACS Policy Making and Governance (first reading - motion)
 - Policy will be brought back to Policy Committee for further review
- d. 1050BP - AACS Policy Making and Governance: Accountability (first reading - motion)
 - Policy will be brought back to Policy Committee for further review
- e. 2080BP - Minutes and Records (third & final reading - motion)

Motion to pass 2080BP - Minutes and Records for third & final reading as presented made by: Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Tejinder Bansal

Unanimous. Carried

- f. 2150BP - Appeals Procedure (second reading - motion)

Motion to pass 2150BP - Appeals Procedure for second reading as presented made by: Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Zahida Hirani-Saran

Unanimous. Carried

- g. 3700BP - Crisis Policy (first reading - motion)

Motion to pass 3700BP - Crisis Policy for first reading made by: Keira Hirani-Saran

Seconded by: Tejinder Bansal

In Favour: 5

Against: 1

- h. 8050BP - School Emergencies (third & final reading - motion)

Motion to pass 8050BP School Emergencies for third & final reading made by: Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Zahida Hirani-Saran

Unanimous. Carried

- i. 8300BP - Occupational Health & Safety (third & final reading - motion)

Motion to pass 8300BP Occupational Health & Safety for third & final reading made by Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Shazin Mohamed-Standing

Unanimous. Carried

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

Superintendent (motion)

I move that the Board of Directors appoint Candidate A as the Superintendent of Schools, effective August 1, 2021, subject to the approval of the Minister of Education made by Zahida Hirani-Saran
Seconded by: Keira Hanrahan
Unanimous. Carried

TAAPCS Meeting with Minister March 22, 2021 (information)

Arlene Huhn updated the board on the meeting with the Minister. Aurora thanked the Minister for our 15-year charter renewal and expressed our need for facility support.

TAAPCS Spring General Meeting - May 8, 9 am-12 pm (information)

Special Thanks

The Board expressed their heartfelt thanks to Janet Rockwood for her significant contributions to Aurora School during her 21 years at Aurora.

6. Calendar Reminders

- I. Professional Development Day, April 23, 2021
- II. Aurora Board Policy Committee Meeting May 5, 2021, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
- III. Aurora Board of Directors Meeting May 20, 2021, 7:00 pm (Thursday)

7. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn made by Shazin Mohamed-Standing at 9:40pm