



Aurora Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 25, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m., Virtual – Ratified

Board Chair: Arlene Huhn

Recorder: Marla Leganchuk

Attendees: Tejinder Bansal, Shazin Mohamed-Standing, Zahida Hirani Saran, Brandon Plaizier, Keira Hanrahan, Robert Kossick, Ian Gray

Guests: Jared Harmata, Peter Dang, Elizabeth Lund, Mary Healy

1. Land Acknowledgement (Arlene Huhn, Board Chair)

The Aurora community affirms that we stand upon Treaty Six Territory, the traditional and ancestral territory of the Blackfoot, Cree, Dene, Nakota Sioux, and Salteaux. We respect the history, languages, and culture of the First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all indigenous peoples who came before us, and are grateful to acknowledge this as an act of reconciliation to those whose territory we reside on or are visiting.

2. Call to order of the Board meeting (Arlene Huhn, Board Chair)

The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:02pm, and was held online in compliance with COVID-19 Pandemic social distancing regulations.

a. Approval of the November 18, 2021 Agenda (Motion)

Motion to accept the November 18th, 2021 agenda, made by: Robert Kossick
Seconded by: Tejinder Bansal
Unanimous. Carried

- b. Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of October 21st, 2021 (Motion)

Motion to approve the October 21st, 2021 Board Meeting minutes as amended, made by:
Shazin Mohamed-Standing
Seconded by Keira Hanrahan
Unanimous. Carried

- c. Actionable Items from previous meetings (review)

No items were discussed

3. **Director of Finance Update** (Shazin Mohamed-Standing, Finance Chair) 7:10 PM

I. 2020-21 Audited Financial Statements (Motion)

Jared Harmata from KRP presented the 2020-21 Audit package which included

1. Final Audit Findings
2. Aurora 2021 Audited Financial Statements
3. Management Letter
4. Management Representation Letter

Motion to approve the 2020-2021 Audited Financial Statements as presented, made by:
Shazin Mohamed-Standing
Seconded by: Zahida Hirani-Saran
Unanimous. Carried

II. October Financial Statements (Information)

Shazin presented on the October 2021 Financial variances.

4. **Superintendent Report (Ian Gray)**

- a. Janitorial Porter Extension (Motion)

Motion to extend the Janitorial Porter, made by: Brandon Plaizier
Seconded by: Zahida Hirani-Saran
Unanimous. Carried.

- b. Changes to Articles of Association (Attachment #1)

Discussions around changing sections of the Articles of Association in regards to 15.1 and 15.2. and requirements to complete the changes.

Motion to update the Articles of Association to accommodate online meetings and electronic voting and elections, made by: Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Robert Kossick

Unanimous. Carried

c. Student Attendance

Student attendance remains consistent, but is being monitored for discrepancies.

d. School Calendar 2022-2023 (Attachment #2)

Ian Gray presented the draft School Calendar. Mr. Dang created a survey to get staff feedback on the 2022-23 School Calendar.

e. Learning Loss

Received \$15,000 in learning gap as a result of COVID funding, which will be used directly to support Students.

f. Research

Ian will give an update in January with which projects Aurora is involved in.

g. Annual Education Results Report (AERR) (Attachment #3)

Ian advised he will update the link in the AERR report to the 2020-21 Audited Financial Statements.

Motion to approve the 2020-21 Annual Education Results Report, made by: Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Tejinder Bansal

Unanimous. Carried

h. Staff Vaccinations

Discussions regarding what type of test required for negative test for COVID. Determined it was up to Superintendent.

5. **Board Committee Reports**

Policy Committee (Keira Hanrahan, Policy Committee Chair)

- BP1030 - Board Code of Conduct [formerly BP1070] (2nd reading)

Motion to pass BP1030 - Board Code of Conduct for 2nd reading, made by: Keira Hanrahan
Seconded by: Zahida Hirani-Saran
Unanimous. Carried

- BP1050 – AACS Policy Making and Governance: Accountability 2nd reading to repeal)

Motion to pass BP1050 – AACS Policy Making and Governance: Accountability for 2nd repeal, made by: Keira Hanrahan
Seconded by: Shazin Mohamed-Standing
Unanimous. Carried

- BP1060 - Role of the Board (2nd reading)

Tejinder Bansal left the meeting at 9:04pm

Motion to pass BP1060 - Role of the Board for 2nd reading, made by: Keira Hanrahan
Seconded by: Zahida Hirani-Saran
In Favour: 6
Absent: 1
Carried

- BP2050 - Superintendent (1st reading to repeal)

Motion to pass BP 2050 – Superintendent for 1st repeal, made by: Keira Hanrahan
Seconded by: Shazin Mohamed-Standing
In Favour: 6
Absent: 1
Carried

- BP2051 - Role of the Superintendent (1st reading)

Motion to pass BP2051 - Role of the Superintendent for 1st reading, made by: Keira Hanrahan
Seconded by: Zahida Hirani Saran
In Favour: 6
Absent: 1
Carried

- BP2052 - Evaluation of the Superintendent (1st reading)

Motion to pass BP2052 - Evaluation of the Superintendent for 1st reading, made by: Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Brandon Plaizier

In Favour: 6

Absent: 1

Carried

- BP4005 - Annual Budget Development (new) (1st reading)

Motion to pass BP4005 - Annual Budget Development for 1st reading, made by: Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Shazin Mohamed-Standing

In Favour: 6

Absent: 1

Carried

Board discussed if they wanted the Financial Forecast template in the Board Policy. Consensus changed after discussion, to include it in the board policy.

- BP4006 - Annual Budget Implementation (new) (1st Reading)

Motion to pass BP4006 - Annual Budget Implementation for 1st reading, made by: Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Zahida Hirani-Saran

In Favour: 6

Absent: 1

Carried

- BP4015 - Procurement (new) (1st reading)

Motion to pass BP4015 – Procurement for 1st reading, made by: Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Shazin Mohamed-Standing

In Favour: 6

Absent: 1

Carried

- BP4025 - Reserves, Surpluses and Deficits (new) (1st reading)

Motion to pass BP4025 - Reserves, Surpluses and Deficits for 1st reading, made by: Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Zhaida Hirani-Saran

In Favour: 6

Absent: 1

Carried

6. **Board of Directors** (Arlene Huhn, Board Chair)
 - I. The Alberta Association of Public Charter Schools (TAAPCS) Annual General Meeting Report
 - II. Arlene presented and would like to present at Nisku
 - III. Aurora Academic Charter School Annual General Meeting (AGM) being held virtually on November 25, 2021.
 - IV. Discussion around what would be included in the AGM
7. **Calendar Reminders**
8. **Adjournment (projected) 10:00 PM**

Motion to adjourn at 9:56pm, made by Keira Hanrahan.

“We acknowledge that we are on traditional territories in Alberta of the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries.”