



**Aurora Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 21, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m., Virtual - Ratified**

Board Chair: Arlene Huhn

Recorder: Marla Leganchuk

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

Guests: Mary Healy, Peter Dang, Elizabeth Lund

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 special 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.

I. Approval of the October 21st, 2021 Agenda (Motion)

Motion to approve the October 21st, 2021 Agenda as amended made by: Shazin Mohamed-Standing
Seconded by: Brandon Plaizier
Unanimous. Carried

II. Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of September 23rd, 2021 (Motion)

Motion to approve the September 23rd, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes made by: Robert Kossick
Seconded by: Tejinder Bansal
Unanimous. Carried

III. Actionable Items from previous meetings (review)

Action Item: look into funding from Capital Planning/Infrastructure

3. Superintendent Report (Ian Gray)

Facility

- a. Building Audit
Quotes have been received for comprehensive building audit.
- b. Student Attendance
Student attendance has been strong during the first 2 months.
- c. Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Will be held Thursday Nov 25, 2021 virtually.
- d. Transportation
As of October, a 12th bus has been added. Don't yet have critical mass for addition of another, but will monitor utilization.
- e. Staff Vaccinations (Motion)

Motion for board to direct the school to create an administrative regulation under BP8050 (emergency preparedness plans) that requires all staff, contractors and visitors or other entering premises to have proof of vaccination or proof of a negative COVID test made by: Keira Hanrahan
Seconded by: Brandon Plaizier
Unanimous. Carried.
- f. PowerSchool
Being rolled out in phases started this second to last week of October, and will continue over the next several weeks.
- g. Waitlist/Advertising
Waitlist is large from K-6 and reduces in Gr 8-9. Discussions around advertising for grades 7-9.
- h. Learning Loss
Application for Learning Grant regarding learning Gap as a result of COVID has been completed. LeNS and CC3 testing being used to identify gaps.
- i. Student Assessment, Evaluation, and Reporting
Working on new approach to assessments. May be three to five years before implemented.
- j. Town Hall Report
Discussions and review of feedback from Town Hall meetings held on September 29th and October 3rd.
- k. Board Work Plan
Discussion around implementing an annual Board Work Plan.
- l. Visioning
November 15 PD day is going to be based on visioning.

4. Director of Finance Update (Shazin Mohamed-Standing, Finance Chair)

a. September Financials

Shazin presented and discussed the September financials and variance analysis.

b. Audit & Finance Committee

Meeting scheduled for October 27, 6:30pm.

5. Board of Directors (Arlene Huhn, Board Chair)

- I. Financial Policy Direction – Arlene went through the Board survey of the financial policy direction. Ian, Keira, Shazin and Marla will go through the policies together.
- II. Decision made to not include finance template in the Board Policy just reference it.
- III. Board agrees there will be no set annual percentage allocation to Operational or Capital Reserves.
- IV. TAAPCS Annual General Meeting – Arlene presented on the upcoming TAAPCS Meeting.

6. Board Committee Reports

Policy Committee (Keira Hanrahan, Policy Committee Chair)

- BP1040 - AACS Policy Making (motion - 3rd)

Motion for 3rd reading of BP1040 - AACS Policy Making made by: Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Tejinder Bansal

Unanimous. Carried

- BP1050 - AACS Policy Making and Governance: Accountability (Motion to Repeal)

Motion for 1st repeal BP1050 - AACS Policy Making and Governance: Accountability made by:

Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Brandon Plaizier

Unanimous. Carried

- BP1070(1030) - Board Code of Conduct (motion – 1st)

Motion for 1st reading BP1030 - Board Code of Conduct: Accountability made by: Keira Hanrahan

Seconded by: Tejinder Bansal

Unanimous. Carried

Motion to go in Camera at 9:29pm Made by Shazin Mohamed-Standing

Seconded by: Robert Kossick

Returned from Camera at 9:51pm

Shazin Mohamed-Standing left the meeting at 9:51pm

- BP3700 - Crisis Policy (motion - 3rd)

Motion for 3rd reading of BP3700 - Crisis Policy made by: Keira Hanrahan
Seconded by: Zahida Hirani-Saran
Unanimous. Carried

- BP8350 - Video Surveillance (motion - 3rd)

Motion for 3rd reading of BP8350 - Video Surveillance made by: Keira Hanrahan
Seconded by: Robert Kossick
Unanimous. Carried

7. Board of Directors (Arlene Huhn, Board Chair)

- I. Financial Policy Direction
- II. TAAPCS Annual General Meeting

8. Calendar Reminders

- I. Parent-Teacher Interviews (October 21,22)
- II. The Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools (TAAPCS Conference (October 22)
- III. TAAPCS Annual General Meeting (October 23)
- IV. Parent-Teacher Interviews (October 21, 22)
- V. Policy Committee Meeting (November 5)
- VI. National Bullying Awareness Week (November 15-19)
- VII. Fall Alberta Research Network Meeting (November 24)
- VIII. Annual General Meeting (November 25)
- IX. Report Cards (November 26)

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20pm made by: Brandon Plaizier

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