

Aurora Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Thursday, December 10, 2020 - Virtual
Ratified

Board Chair: Arlene Huhn
Recording: Marla Leganchuk

Attendees: Mary Healy, Tejinder Bansal, Zahida Hirani-Saran, Keira Hanrahan, Arlene Huhn, Shazin Mohamed-Standing, Janet Rockwood, Brandon Plaizier, Peter Dang, Jacqueline Harman, Ellen Fung

Regrets: Robert Kossick

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.

I. Approval of the December 10, 2020 Agenda (Motion)

Motion to approve the Agenda as presented made by: [Shazin Mohamed-Standing](#)

Seconded by: [Keira Hanrahan](#)

In Favour: 6

Absent: 1

Carried

II. Approval of the Board Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2020 (Motion) Attachment 2

Motion to accept the November 18, 2020 Board Meeting minutes as presented, made by: [Keira Hanrahan](#)

Seconded By: [Zahida Hirani-Saran](#)

In Favour: 4

Abstain: 2

Absent: 1

Carried

III. Actionable Items from previous meetings (review) - None

2. Acting Superintendent Report (*Janet Rockwood*)

I. Elementary Entrance Construction Update (information)

December 15th and 17th is booked for the substantial performance review of the elementary front entrance project. Furniture is being delivered on the 21st and 22nd of December. Deficiencies are to be reviewed from the 15th and 22nd of December. It is expected that the School should be able to use the space as of January 2021.

II.Update on HVAC Upgrade (information)

There has been a delay in equipment delivery and there are a few items left to be completed. Final project inspection is dated for December 23rd.

III.COVID-19 update (information)

Engagement for at home learning is going well. 150 Chromebooks have been lent out to students for at home learning for term 2, and the grades 7-9's that are at home learning, as mandated by the Provincial Government. Alberta Health Services (AHS) did an onsite inspection on October 19th. On December 6th a report was received from AHS identifying that Aurora is in compliance with Alberta Health, based on the inspection that was completed on October 19th.

IV.COVID-19 requests

None made at this time.

V.Updates (information)

Kindergarten engagement night took place on December 3rd and had more than 300 participants. This meeting introduced Aurora to perspective parents and provided information on the Aurora program.

Parent/Teacher interviews had greater engagement as a result of having the meetings virtual. Administration is considering using this format beyond COVID due to the high success rate.

A Webinar for Supporting Childhood Anxiety in a World of COVID was held on December 8th. The successful event had 45 parents attend.

Administration is looking at having the Occupational Therapist host a session on organization and ergonomics. To date 40 students have accessed our Specialized Learning Support team and Administration is investing in ways to build and increase supports for students.

Janet is to attend an Alberta Education full day research. School based Administration attended a TAAPCS. Janet to attend the CASS Fall conference, and 2 additional CASS meetings.

VI.Charter Renewal Application (Information)

Janet Dropped off Charter Renewal on Friday Nov 27. An answer to the Charter Renewal should be received by Feb 12, 2021. It takes Alberta Education 60 days to make a decision and then 15 days to notify the organization of that decision. So far the evaluation and feedback has been positive. It was noted that our charter amendments reflected the new legislation.

3. **Director of Finance Update**

Director of Finance Shazin Mohamed-Standing)

I. Updated financials (not available or presented at this meeting)

3. Board Committee Reports

Policy Committee (Keira Hanrahan - Policy Committee Chair)

- a. BP6030 - Entrance Age of Kindergarten (motion/information - repeal)

Motion to repeal BP6030 for 3rd and final repeal made by Keira Hanrahan
2nd by Shazin Mohamed-Standing

In favour: 6

Absent: 1

Carried

- b. BP6050 - Field Trips (motion - second reading)

Motion to pass BP6050 for 2nd reading as amended made by Keira Hanrahan
2nd by Zahida Hirani-Saran

In favour: 6

Absent: 1

Carried

II. Terms of reference for Audit/Finance committee (Director of Finance Shazin Mohamed-Standing)

Shazin presented on the terms of reference for the Audit Committee. Suggested that the committee meet from Jun to Nov of each year. Discussion around the roles and responsibilities of the Committee. The Board agreed that further information was required before a decision could be made.

4. Board of Directors (Arlene Huhn - Board Chair)

I. Annual General Meeting (AGM) Update

Two new board members have been acclaimed. Tejinder Bansal and Brandon Plaizier. The AGM went smoothly and had good attendance and response from members. The Board advised they would like to continue using virtual meetings for the AGMs.

II. Board Member Engagement

Arlene discussed the current Board Committees and Committee openings made available by the outgoing Board members and by change requests from current Board members. Advised there would be a TAAPCS Committee meeting on Dec 17th.

III. Advocacy- TAAPCS

There have been significant concerns and a campaign against Charter Schools gaining traction on social media driven by misinformation. Discussed an approach to help dispel misinformation.

IV. 25th Anniversary

The Board wanted to do something to celebrate the 25th Anniversary and Grand opening of the Elementary front entrance.

6. Calendar Reminders

I.Classes Resume January 11, 2021

II.Aurora Board of Directors Meeting January 20, 2021, 7:00 pm

III.Aurora Board Policy Committee Meeting February 3 , 2021, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

7. Adjournment (projected)

[Motion to adjourn at 8:50pm made by Zahida Hirani-Saran](#)