



School Council Meeting Minutes

April 13, 2022

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Members in Attendance: J. Kossick (Chair), A. Lishingman (Treasurer), D. Miller (secretary), P. Dang (Middle School Principal), J. O'Connor (Middle School teacher rep.), M. Healy (Elementary School Principal), N. Neufeld (Elementary School teacher rep.), R. Karmeli (parent), J. Harman (High School Principal)

Guests in Attendance: I. Grey – Superintendent

Call to Order: 6:08 PM by J. Kossick

1.0 Additions/Changes to the agenda: No changes

2.0 Approval of Minutes from: March 9, 2022

Motion: A. Lishingman

Second: D. Miller

Motion Carried/Motion Lost: All in favor ___ opposed ___ abstain

3.0 Student Council Report: None to report

4.0 Next Board Meeting: April 21, 2022 at 7:00 PM (on-Line)

5.0 Policy Committee Meeting: February 3, 2021

6.0 Guest Report:

I. Gray:

- Basic parameter of the High school:
- Academic program to prepare students for university
- Looking at Advance Placement Programming (in future)
- Working on relationship with post secondary to establish a dual credit for university preparatory
- Focus on research for Elementary, Middle school and the High School; some of the high school students will be working/performing on research as part of their program.

“Aurora Academic Charter High School focuses on evolving students in research while providing a university preparatory education that helps students realize their full potential beyond high school. Students are encouraged in an environment that values innovation, hard work, empowerment, respect and integrity, empathy and compassion. Our focus on research, career exploration, enhanced academics will make it distinct. Students are engaging in research themselves, supporting improved student achievements. Students will have the opportunity to engage with mentors and build connections in leadership. The focus of Aurora High is simply not on graduating, but to support students to have a plan to achieve their goals.”

- Jaqueline Harman transitioned from the High School Planner, to being hired as the High School Principal. She will be starting in May 2022.

Jacqueline Harman:



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- Engagement process: the presentation is found on the website; survey results helped create the high school plan; academic achievement, AP courses, social well being, career planning, leadership, and options.
- Plan to share results at the end of next month, committed to building a program with parents.
- Students information sessions with students who are enrolled: options, extra curricular activities, uniforms
- Have a working group of parents and students that are enrolled in the High School next year.
- Request and have a School Council rep., from the Board, will have a teacher rep (once hired) as part of the teacher's voice.
- Working group: looking for feedback on student's handbooks, expectations, responsibilities, opportunities, options program, and uniform designs.
- 135 action items already gone through, and are far along in the plan and very confident to open in the fall.
- 56 students have currently applied, and 11 students from outside Aurora.
- Mr. Dang and Mrs. Healy set up interviews to give new students an opportunity to see if Aurora is a good fit for them.
- All draft documents will be shared from A-N, once they are more finalized.
- April 14 and 15 all current Aurora grade 9 Students will be receiving the link to apply to attend next year, sign/commit and submit the \$200 fee to enroll.
- April 19 email will be sent to the 11 students that have shown interest to enroll.
- April 27 assessment sessions will be hosted after school.
- End of April marketing campaign will start for the general public.
- Any questions regarding the High School, can be directed at Mrs. Harman.

7.0 Elementary School Principal Report and Key Events of the Upcoming School Year: Reported By M.Healy:

- March/April Events
- Potluck for teachers on St. Paddy's Day. Enjoyed by the staff so much, another is planned for May.
- Information night for the High School, presented by Jacqueline Harman and Ian Gray, was held for Aurora parents and staff last week before spring break. Parent night was in-person and live streamed.
- Kindergarten classes are full, 160 students enrolled for the fall.
- Invitation to volunteer for Casino went out on April 11 to incoming Kindergarten parents.
- Mrs. Shield, grade 4 teacher is back from leave.
- Clay pots were in for a Grade 4 Art project.
- Lock Down Drill April 6 - Staff prepared the student very well, and everyone was well prepared. It went smoothly.



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- Term 2 Honor Roll certificates for grade 4 students were emailed to parents.
- **Major upcoming events:**
 - Fire Drill scheduled for late April.
 - In person Uniform fittings - May 9, 10, 11 and 12 if needed.
 - Will be open between the hours of 3:00 - 8:30 PM by appointment only. To book an appointment go to the Top Mark website. It will be held in the Middle School Fitness Centre. Masks and hand hygiene will be required. More information to follow in the Newsletter.
 - Grade 4 placements test will be held on May 20th, as an additional 4 students spots will be opening for the Fall.
 - Grade 1 - A fireman will come into the school and give an in-person safety presentation next week.
 - Cub Program: Nancy Neufeld
 - Community building pieces, puzzle pieces, decorated around the school for the older grades, butterfly murals for younger students, encourage friendships.
 - Working on videos towards anti-bullying are being made; making videos on being friends, and what to do if you are being bullied.
 - Month of May, outdoor play is being organized by grade 4 students.
 - For June looking at a fundraiser within the community and the students will be selling lollipops or freezes.

8.0 Middle School Principal Report and Key Events of the Upcoming School Year: Reported by: P.Dang

Past

- Academic Challenge application grade 4-9 is coming along. Most grades have either 1 full cohort or close to a cohort of an AP class. Deadline April 25th.
- Yearbooks last year arrived and are being distributed. There are still some for purchase.
- Mrs. Rosalina Gieni is back from her Maternity leave.
- ERSF was successful with many of our students winning prizes.
- Canada Wide Science Fair; 4 Aurora students will be advancing to the Nationals and will be competing in May. Only 4 spots were available for Team Edmonton, and all spots will be represented by Aurora students.
- Land Acknowledgement email has gone out to the parents, getting some responses. Hoping to have it unveiled on June 21st, with the unveiling of the lobby, on Indigenous Day.
- The planned summer program is postponed to next year, too much happening with the growth of the school.

Future

- Term 2 awards will be held tomorrow via zoom, Thursday.
- Grade 6 immunization will be on April 27.



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- The number of clubs: Chess, Newspaper, Art, Rubik's Cube, Dungeon and Dragons, Debate, Theatre are going on or to be starting up soon.
- Virtual book fair going on.
 - Placement assessments for empty spots start later in April.

9.0 New Business: None

10.0 Announcement: None

11.0 Topics tables for next meeting: None

12.0 Next meeting: May 11, 2022 @ 6:00 PM thru Google Meet

13.0 Meeting Adjourned 6:43 PM by J. Kossick