

## Aurora Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, Dec 18, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

### 1. **Land Acknowledgement** (Zahida Hirani-Saran, Board Chair) 7:00 PM

We acknowledge that Aurora Academic Charter School and our community work, live, and play on the traditional territories of the Cree, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Métis, Dene, Nakota Sioux, and Inuit whose footsteps continue to mark these lands in the future. We continually express our gratitude and respect for the land as we honor Treaty 6, its role in education, and the ancestral Knowledge Keepers and Elders who are still with us. Aurora Academic Charter School believes that truth must be acknowledged to move forward in reconciliation. We take this time to reflect on our roles and commit to building and strengthening our valued friendships and partnerships with Indigenous peoples in our teaching and learning. We celebrate the rich diversity of the Indigenous as it connects with the diversity of Aurora Academic Charter School's culture, values, and desire to live in peace and prosperity together on this land we all call home.

### 2. **Call to Order** (Zahida Hirani-Saran, Board Chair) 7:05 PM

#### a. Approval of the December 18, 2023, *Meeting of the Board of Directors* Agenda (Motion)

Motion to approve the December 18, 2023, *Meeting of the Board of Directors* Agenda.

Made by: Constance Amenaghawon

Seconded by: Adedayo Ojeleye

In Favour: Unanimous

#### b. Approval of the November 20, 2023, *Meeting of the Board of Directors* Minutes (Motion)

Motion to Approval of the November, 2023, *Meeting of the Board of Directors* Minutes.

Made by: Fauziat Raji

Seconded by: Constance Amenaghawon

In Favour: Unanimous

### 3. **Director of Finance Update** (Constance Amenaghawon, Finance Chair) 7:15 PM

#### a. November Financials

Alberta infrastructure received \$320k construction project fund and \$19k lease fund for Secondary School. Investment income made a conservative budget at a lower average interest rate. Top Marks donated \$6400. Canada online gave \$1065. Discussion around one time donation, if the school can have donations from these vendors. Will take it to

Policy Committee to discuss.

Additional operation expense due to the new Secondary School. Higher amortization due to capitalized assets for the new Secondary School.

b. Audit & Finance Committee

First meeting is in Feb 2024. Currently has 5 members, and prefer to have 7 members in case some members are not available. There is no limitation for the Committee.

4. **Superintendent Report** (Ian Gray) 7:40 PM

Quick update: Secondary School open house: Jan 2024

a. Kindergarten Transportation

The school has to start bring in Kinders soon. The school will make decision when there is an open house. This year, \$120k cost associate with number of students. The budget is 21 buses now, and we could have 24-25 buses. The board will support mid-day busing for kinders.

b. Banking Provider

i. Transportation Fee Charges

Recently, some parents got charged twice.

In Jan 2024, the school is looking for a change.

c. 2024-2025 Calendar

The Board will vote in Jan for the new calendar. Ian will readjust the days to meet the hours for G10-12 (1000 hrs). Provide 2 type of Calendar to the Board to vote on. Ian will build 2 options.

d. Alberta Avenue Facility

i. Building Condition Assessment

231213 AACCS Report.

ii. Supplemental Budget

2 items need to mention: 1. Basketball Nets. 2. Water Fountains.

The Board already approved the budget.

iii. Basketball Nets

Basketball nets have to be in gyms, and need to have the structural engineers to do them because there is huge liability issue. Estimated budget is \$60K.

iv. Water Fountains

\$20K to replace the 5 units.

e. Secondary School Media Event (February 15, 2024)

Invite Prime Minister.

f. 2024-2025 Projected Enrolment

Alberta Education asked to share it with the Board.

g. Organizational Assessment

h. Marketing Budget

Open house in Feb 2024. The Schools need to put advertising out.

5. **Policy Committee** (Kerry-Ann Sitcheron, Policy Committee Chair) 8:40 PM

a. 3500 BP: Student Cumulative Records - First Repeal

Discussion around if this policy is needed. It is already covered in Alberta Regulation 166 2018.

Motion to repeal 3500 BP: Student Cumulative Records.

Made by: Kerry-Ann Sitcheron

Seconded by: Fauziat Raji

In Favour: Unanimous

b. 8100 BP: School Cancellation - First Repeal

There are some unnecessary wording and also already have regulations to it. The School has emergency plan.

Motion to repeal 8100 BP: School Cancellation.

Made by: Kerry-Ann Sitcheron

Seconded by: Constance Amonehewer

Seconded by: Constance Amenagnawon  
In Favour: Unanimous

c. 8300 BP: Occupational Health & Safety - First Reading

Referencing different legislation. Take the "Superintendent" word out.

Motion to first reading of 8300 BP: Occupational Health & Safety.

Made by: Kerry-Ann Sitcheron

Seconded by: Ajoke Oimage

In Favour: Unanimous

6. The Association of Alberta Public Charter Schools Priority Committee (Fauziat Razi, Committee Chair) 8:55 PM

Ian is the president of TAAPCS.

Fauziat is our representative.

7. Board of Directors (Zahida Hirani-Saran, Board Chair) 9:00 PM

a. TAAPCS Professional Learning Seminar

Suzuki is holding all charter school events. First one is on Jan 25, 2024.

8. **Adjournment** (projected) 9:05 PM

Motion to Adjourn.

Made by: Adedayo Ojeleye