

**Annual General Meeting (AGM)  
Aurora School Ltd.  
RATIFIED  
November 2, 2006**

<b>Issue #</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Discussion/Action</b>
06-11-02-01	Call to Order	<p>Meeting called to order 7:05 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The AGM follows the Roberts Rules of Order.</li> <li>• Members must address the floor before speaking.</li> <li>• Members are parents/guardians of students who currently attend Aurora School.</li> <li>• Proxy votes are allowed, but the form must be completed by absent member prior to AGM.</li> </ul>
06-11-02-02	Acceptance of Agenda	<p>Motion to accept the November 2, 2006 Annual General Meeting agenda as presented, made by: Shelley Britton Seconded by: Mark Barakeris <b>Carried</b></p>
06-11-02-03	Ratify Minutes of 2005 AGM Minutes: - October 20, 2005	<p>Motion to accept the October 20, 2005 Annual General Meeting minutes, as amended, made by: Nazir Mulji Seconded by: Mark Barakeris</p>
06-11-02-04	Introductory Welcome and Chair Report – Debra King, board Chair	<p>The three main functions of the board are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Act as moral and legal trustees of Aurora School.</li> <li>• Establish Policies.</li> <li>• Delegate authority to the principal to govern day-to-day activities.</li> </ul> <p>There are four board members and the chair, as well as two ex-officio members consisting of the principal and the superintendent.</p> <p>The Board makes all decisions in the best interests of our students. The Board governs by policy and all policies are mission related. There are established boundaries of authority; and the Board has delegated authority to the principal (who is accountable to the board). The Board are the moral and legal trustees of Aurora School, guarding against undue risk. The Board continues to run the school in a fiscal and responsible manner. They are the final arbitrators in any appeal. They make sure the principal and superintendent are doing their job.</p> <p>Aurora School achieved a milestone by receiving their second five-year charter. The Board has done extensive work to bring the charter and by-laws up to date, and to meet current legislation.</p> <p>It was noted that Aurora School is a parent directed school, and that without volunteers Aurora School would not be what it is today. The Board would like to thank volunteers, staff, parents, etc. for their contributions this past year.</p>

		<p>Debra King, Board Chair, Introduced the current 2005-6 Board of Directors:  Elizabeth Emslie  Ron Hiebert,  Don Wilson  Klaus Zerulla  Steve Simmons and Ross Johnston (ex-officio)</p> <p>Debra King thanked them for their time.</p>
<p>06-11-02-05</p>	<p>Report from the Facilities Committee – Ron Hiebert and John Sproule</p>	<p>Ron Hiebert and John Sproule comprise the Facility Committee.</p> <p>P3 Partnership/Cameron Heights.  Last general meeting we were disappointed with P3 Partnership falling through. The City of Edmonton did not give zoning required and Cameron Heights plan fell through.</p> <p>Caritas Lease.  Our lease for the Cabrini Centre ends September 2007. Steve requested a lease extension, and did get an extension but only to September 2007. The Cabrini Centre is a provincially owned building, which was leased to Caritas in the 1970's. The Caritas Health Group provides the sub-lease to Aurora School. In negotiating the sub-lease, was set for 25 years in five-year renewals. As Caritas plans extended they needed Aurora's space for their plans. Caritas giving us the sub-lease was over-stepping their bounds and was not approved by Province of Alberta. We checked with our lawyer and his conclusion was that the courts would not accept the sub-lease. With one year left before our lease expires, we entered in to negotiations with City of Edmonton and Edmonton Public School Board (EPSB) to secure land to lease to build school. Up until to July 2006 we worked on this. With the charter renewal letter received giving us another 5 years, the Board appealed to Caritas for extension but it was rejected. Aurora School received a call from Alberta Infrastructure, offering us the choice of three options: St. Patrick School; or two other schools Argyle School and Donald Ross School; or third option Sherbrooke school.</p> <p>We sent a letter to them asking for Sherbrooke School. There are currently other tenants occupying Sherbrooke School: Shumka Dance School, a Church Group, and the Massage Therapy Group, among others. Sherbrooke School, built in 1953, can accommodate up to 700 students. It was noted that the pick-up/drop-off area is better than our current location; there is a playground in place. The board reviewed the schematics of the school with the membership. The Board's first visit to the school was not favorable. Their second visit was much better – the school had been spruced up and currently looks very nice and will make an attractive school.</p> <p>Ron Hiebert entered into serious negotiations with Minister Gene Zwordesky, and the Minister has asked EPSB to cease</p>

		<p>negotiations with the City of Edmonton, and begin to work with Aurora School to lease Sherbrooke School. It was noted that Infrastructure rating would not merit any funding for upgrades.</p> <p>The Board noted Alberta Infrastructure will bring Sherbrooke School up to code, i.e. older boilers. Professionals will look at all aspects of the school.</p> <p>Aurora will have to bring up to our standards with respect to interior issues, and we will be using our reserve funds.</p> <p>Question. Glad that gym has rubber floors. The physical location is what is the concern. Is a problem for members living South and Southeast. May have to withdraw. How was that factored into your decision.</p> <p>Answer. Strategic decision – we have been working on this for ten years. There is no legislation for charter schools to build new schools. Minister last year said that he would champion this legislation, but it did not happen. Unfortunately there is only so much we can do with out legislation. We pushed very hard to get other schools but politics got in the way. John Sproule and Ron Hiebert attended these meetings at City Hall. The Minister spent time reviewing this legislation and said it is not in place for charter schools. Limited to building school, and options were to determine what facility would work for Aurora. We now have a facility large enough to have high school. If we stayed here, the facility is not large enough for a high school.</p> <p>The Board is sorry that they could not find a facility closer to current school site. School sites closing in west Edmonton will not be closed in time. It is a complicated procedure to close a school. Surplus schools in west Edmonton would not be available.</p> <p>Curt Makepeace noted that he provided his name and number to Ron Hiebert, and was told that he would be contacted when things happen. Suggests the board to organize a committee to lobby the province to try to find a resolution.</p> <p>John and Ron have already done this in a focused way. When we were given three options – Sherbrooke was the best of choices. John pointed out merits of Sherbrooke School.</p> <p>Parents at the meeting wanted to be notified earlier, in order to part of the process to raise school profile and help do something.</p> <p>Not questioning work done and opportunities to involve parents in situation and last year there was not much was happening. They were small meetings</p> <p>Question: You have known about this for this long – why was the AGM held so late? Answer: We have our AGM when the Audited financial</p>
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06-11-02-06	Review Changes to Articles of Association – Debra King, Board Chair	The board presented to members the changes to Articles of Association. Need approval from members. Many changes over past 10 years have occurred, and have retrofitted the Articles of Association to bring them up-to-date.

	<p>Motion: To approve the changes to Aurora's Articles of Association as presented.</p>	<p>Question: Does this change the role of superintendent?  Answer: The legislation changed slightly, but it does not change the role of the superintendent.</p> <p>The original charter document was 32 pages, and is now is 12 pages, but the essence of the document is not changed.</p> <p>It was suggested by Curt Makepeace that these documents be uploaded on the website. The board was in agreement, and it will be placed on our website. It was noted that changes have to be approved by the Minister of Education, as well as the membership.</p> <p>Debra King asked to re-word the motion shown on the agenda. Alberta Learning has asked the Aurora members to allow them to make any small wording changes needed to ensure that Aurora's Articles of Association met with the Education Minister's approval.</p> <p>Motion made by: Doug Aird.  Seconded by: Shelley Britton  <b>Carried.</b></p>
<p>06-11-02-07</p>	<p>Review Changes to Charter Agreement – Debra King, Board Chair</p> <p>Motion: To accept the changes to Aurora's Charter Agreement as presented and to allow Alberta Learning to make small wording changes to those changes as necessary.</p>	<p>The Charter document was very old and out of date. Brought the document up-to-date.</p> <p>Question: Special needs will be accommodated. Why? Are these coded students?  Answer. We are not funded for special needs and government asked us not to be it.</p> <p>Question. Regarding page 9-10. Add that documents be placed on the website.  Answer. We do have this in policy. We try to put it into policy, as they are easier to change in policy.</p> <p>Question: Student teachers add ...other university  Answer. Foster with other post-secondary institutions to accept student teachers.</p> <p>As was the case with the changes in Aurora's Articles, Debra King asked to re-word the motion shown on the agenda for the Charter Agreement.  Alberta Learning has asked the Aurora members to allow them to make any small wording changes needed to ensure Aurora's Charter Agreement met with the Education Minister's approval.</p> <p>Motion made by: Shelley Britton  Seconded by: Curt Makepeace  <b>Carried.</b></p>
<p>06-11-02-08</p>	<p>Election of Board of Directors – Debra King,</p>	<p>There was one position open on the Board of Directors. Nazir Mulji was elected to the Board of Directors by acclamation.</p>

	Board Chair	Debra King welcomed Nazir Mulji to the board.
06-11-02-09	Financial Report Year-end 2005-6 – Debra King, Board Chair	<p>Presentation and motion to accept the 2005-2006 audited financial statements.</p> <p>Debra King reviewed financial statements with the members. She noted that there were some changes in interests. Also, Aurora came in under budget by \$500,000 dollars, which will be used in other areas.</p> <p>Motion to accept the Audited Financial Statements as presented, made by: Leona Sellyeh Seconded by: Shelley Britton</p> <p>Motion required naming our auditors for 2006-2007 financial year.</p> <p>Motion to accept Kingston Ross as our auditors for the 2006-7 school year, made by: Douglas Aird Seconded by: Nancy Mitchell <b>Carried.</b></p>
06-11-02-10	Parent Council Annual Report – Steve Simmons, Principal	<p>Parent Council. New change in Aurora bylaws: Parent Council can now elect their own chair.</p> <p>Steve Simmons was glad to hear that Aurora school is important to parents. It does take a lot time and commitment, and our future is very exciting and daunting. We are going to need new board members in the very near future and we need members to take us further into the future.</p> <p>Parent Council has changed its name to School Council and the 2005-2006 members are: Rosemary Serafinchon Melody Hebert Marianne Grohn Leona Sellyeh Lynn Lozinski Michelle Shaw Teacher Representatives: Bob Raynard, Jennifer Song, and Amanda Joblinski.</p> <p>School Council is open to any parent with a student attending Aurora School and is a one-year term. The majority of members must be parents at the school. The principal must be on the council, a teacher, and a member at large; plus a student if we have high school.</p> <p>School Council plan support activities they feel are important for school learning. This past year they did a lot of work on selecting a new uniform company, and have a good company in place. They supported such events as penny carnival, book awards, and the Charlotte's web play, to name a few. They spend money on things that will benefit the most students.</p>

		School Council entertainment book fundraiser made \$5000 made for the school and also purchased a barbeque for the court yard. Steve Simmons asked if anyone would like to know more to please see him.
06-11-02-11	Parent Council Election - Steve Simmons, Principal	<p>Janiffer Song and Bob Raynard will sit again as teacher representatives for School Council. We require a E.C.S. representative and asked for nominations from the floor. Keith Ruelling nominated himself and was accepted. The 2006-2007 School Members are:</p> <p>Division one – Allison Beilman Division two – Marianne Grohn Division three – Leona Sellyeh</p> <p>Steve Simmons noted the first meeting would take place shortly.</p> <p>Debra King thanked all school council members for their volunteer help. We have a great school council. They help make Aurora what it is.</p>
06-11-02-12	Question Period	<p>Question: Can you tell members how to run for the Board of Directors?</p> <p>Answer. We will have three director positions, and the chair position open next year. Nomination forms go out in the school newsletter in mid-September. Nominations forms require two signatures, and nominee has to agree to stand. Debra King noted that the Board is not a 'scary' thing. Some members are a little worried when they arrive. You need to come to the meeting and be part of Aurora. Do not be afraid to be on the board – be active.</p> <p>Curt Makepeace noted he would like the board meetings publicized. They are set for every second Thursday. Sometimes they are changed and check with Steve Simmons or Susan Tremblay to confirm the meeting date. Parents are welcome to attend meetings.</p>
06-11-02-13	Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn made by Shelley Britton.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm</p>

Certified as approved by the Aurora School Board: Board Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Recording Secretary \_\_\_\_\_