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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AURORA ACADEMIC CHARTER SCHOOL NOVEMBER 26, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Virtual Ratified

Chair: Arlene Huhn

Recording: Marla Leganchuk

Board Members: Nokuthula Sithole, Shazin Mohamed-Standing, Keira Hanrahan, Robert Kossick, Zahida Hirani-Saran, Felix Amenaghawon

Guests: Calistus Oragudosi, Ian Gray, Janet Rockwood, Jacqueline Harman, Mary Healy, Peter Dang, Jared Harmata

Members: Allison Goddard, Brandon Plaizier, Daljit Dhada, Daniel Ho, Ellen Fung, Mawuli Kuivi, Rajinder Bansal, Selina Agyemang, Tejinder Bansal, Yinka Ibi, Amanda Joblinski, Shrey Tandon, Laura Lucan, Laide Adepetu, Fred Amenaghawon, Wilson Shieh, Winnie Mate-Maguire, Abigael Chekol, Jolene Rich, Martha Mersha, Deborah Miller, Shyehana Goonewardena

1) The November 26th 2020, Annual General Meeting was called to order at 7:03pm

Arlene Huhn, Board Chair, provided brief instructions on how the meeting would be run and how questions could be asked.

Motion to accept the November 26, 2020 Annual General Meeting agenda as presented:

Made by: Robert Kossick
Seconded by: Keira Hanrahan
In Favour: 24
Abstain: 1
Carried.

2) Ratify the minutes of the AGM meeting of November 21, 2019 (Arlene Huhn)

Motion to accept the November 21, 2019 Annual General Meeting minutes as presented:

Made by: Felix Amenaghawon

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Seconded by: Shazin Mohamed-Standing
In Favour: 22
Abstain: 3
Carried.

3) Welcome – Annual Report from the Chair of the Aurora Board of Directors (Arlene Huhn)

Arlene Huhn presented on the following Aurora updates and information.

Fiscal year updates (Sept 1, 2019 to Aug 31, 2020)

- The updating of school policies
- Updating of the Charter
- Hosted the Education Minister during Science Fair
- Successfully negotiated new collective agreement with the Alberta Teachers' Association (ATA)
- Special Meeting to pass Vision, Mission, Values and Waiting List procedures
- Funded additional COVID supplies & products such as extra cleaning supplies; increase in custodial staff; additional technology, including a device for each student
- Hosted 3 Town Hall meetings for parents virtually to understand the launching of the school year during COVID
- Appointed Director of "At-Home Learning".
- Funding for extra educational assistants (currently have 4)
- Hired Acting Superintendent
- Quarterly Stakeholder Updates
- Partner School in TAAPCS
- Funding for the Elementary Entrance
- Total Board Meetings (official and not) 38 meetings

Items coming this year (2020-21)

- Hiring of Student Health Team (Psychologist, Occupational Therapist, Speech Language Pathologist)
- Hiring of permanent Superintendent
- Opening of the Elementary Entrance
- COVID funding – Maintaining with a careful eye if more is needed
- Policies

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- Stakeholder Engagement
- Quarterly Updates
- Growth Committee for investigating High School
- Superintendent retirement
- COVID

Thank you

The Board issued Special Thanks to the following:

- Current board members
- Superintendents, Deputy and Acting: Dale Bischof, Paul Wozny, and Janet Rockwood
- Sr. Administration Team: Peter Dang, Ian Gray, Jacquie Harman, Mary Healy
- Support Staff: Sanjana Bali, Amanda Poitras, Lisa Weidel, Nancy Mykytiuk, Susan Mallory, Marla Leganchuk and Calistus Oragudosi
- Janitorial: Herminia, Hans, Liza
- Teachers
- Parents
- Aurora Students

4) Audited Financial Statements (Shazin Mohamed-Standing, Director of Finance)

Shazin Mohamed-Satnding Introduced Jared Harmata from Kingston Ross Pasnak and members of the

Audit Committee. 2020 Audit Committee members are Aman Bansal, Steven Lee, Lora Katsarova, Gilbert Gyimah, Qumber Rizvi, Tirtha Upadhyay, Alicia Wendel

Introduction to Marla Leganchuk the new Secretary Treasurer and a special Thank you and acknowledgment to Holly Maccagno, former Secretary Treasurer, for her 24 years of service.

Shazin Mohamed-Standing discussed some of the changes that took place that had an impact on Aurora's 2020 financials such as:

- The new Alberta Education funding model
- COVID-19
- Capital Expenditures: New Elementary Front Entrance and HVAC Project

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- Infrastructure Maintenance and Renewal (IMR) Funding for the Elevator Project

Shazin Mohamed-Standing presented on the 2019-20 Financial Statements.

Motion to accept the 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements as presented:

Made by: Shazin Mohamed-Standing
Seconded by: Keira Hanrahan
In favour: 20
Abstain: 3
Carried.

Motion to retain Kingston Ross Pasnak LLP as our school auditors for 2020-2021

Made by: Shazin Mohamed-Standing
Seconded by: Felix Amenaghawon
In favour: 23
Abstain: 1
Carried.

5) Charter Amendments (Keira Hanrahan)

Keira Hanrahan discussed the changes done at the special general meeting for Mission and Vision and the waitlist.

Small changes to language and policy requirements were outlined and explained to the membership. These changes will be sent to Alberta Education as part of the charter renewal application.

Motion to ratify the charter agreement as amended:

Made by: Keira Hanrahan
Seconded by: Robert Kossick
In favour: 22
Abstain: 4
Carried.

6) Farewell to outgoing Board of Directors (Arlene Huhn)

- a) Felix Amenaghawon
- b) Nokuthula Sithole

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Arlene Huhn expressed thanks for the contributions made by Felix and Nokuthula.

7) Board of Directors Acclamation (Janet Rockwood, Election Officer)

Janet Rockwood expressed thanks to the parents for their support and introduced the new acclaimed members.

a) Introduction of the Board of Director Candidates:

- Tejinder Bansal – Tejinder expressed his thanks to the Board Members. Advised he looking forward to working on the Board. Tejinder has been a member of Aurora since 2000.
- Arlene Huhn – Arlene is glad to be back on the Board and is looking forward to serving another term.
- Brandon Plaizier – Brandon expressed his enthusiasm on joining the board. Brandon currently serves on other Boards and is a previous Board member of the Sherbrook Community League.

8) Questions from the Floor (Arlene Huhn)

9) Adjournment (Arlene Huhn)

Motion to adjourn the 2020 Annual General Meeting at 8:06pm
Made by: Robert Kossick