

Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Aurora School Ltd.
Ratified
October 20, 2005

Issue #	Issue	Discussion/Action
05-10-20-01	Call to Order	<p>Meeting called to order 7:40 pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The AGM follows the Roberts Rules of Order. • Members must address the floor before speaking. • Members are parents/guardian of students who currently attend Aurora School. • Proxy votes are allowed, but the form must be completed by the absent member prior to AGM. • Debra King welcomed guests Malika Ladha and Averi Iwaniuk, the Student Council co-presidents.
05-10-20-02	Acceptance of Agenda	<p>Motion to accept the agenda as presented made by: Ron Hiebert Seconded by: Elizabeth Woo Carried.</p>
05-10-20-03	Ratify Minutes of 2004-2005 AGM Minutes – October 21, 2004	<p>Motion to accept the 2004 AGM minutes as amended made by: Klaus Zerulla Seconded by: Shelley Britton Carried.</p>
05-10-20-05	Introductory Welcome and Board Chair's Report	<p>Steve Simmons is doing very well, is out of intensive care, and may be out of hospital by the weekend. Aurora is grateful to John Sproule for becoming acting-principal during Steve's absence. Debra King also thanked vice-principals' Jane Walker and Amanda Joblinski for their help, as well as the teaching and support staff, to make sure Aurora continues in the Aurora way.</p> <p>The three main functions of the board are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Act as trustees of Aurora School. • Establish policies. • Delegate authority to the principal to govern day-to-day activities. <p>There are four board members and the chair, as well as two ex-officio members consisting of the principal and the superintendent. It was also noted that Aurora School has excellent relations with Alberta Education, Caritas Health Group, and the community.</p> <p>The Board make all decisions in the best interests of children. The Board governs by policy and all policies are mission related. There are established boundaries of authority and the Board have delegated authority to the principal, who is accountable to the board. The Board are the moral and legal trustees of the School. They guard against undue risk, and are the final arbitrators in any appeals. They make sure that principal and superintendent are doing their job.</p> <p>This past year, the Board was mostly concerned with facilities. Mr. Hiebert will address facilities later in the meeting.</p> <p>Aurora has undergone final review with flying colours. The Board is ready to address the Minister of Education to renew our charter.</p> <p>Motion made to direct the Board Chair to request the Minister of Education a further five year charter renewal, made by: Shelley Britton Seconded by: Curt Makepeace</p>

		<p>Carried.</p> <p>Q. Is it possible to renew the charter for longer? A. No. It is in our charter regulations that the maximum length is five years.</p> <p>Our school finances are in excellent order. This past year has progressed uneventfully. We have excellent relationships with Minister of Education and Alberta Infrastructure. The Board continues to address and review school policies. Mrs. King noted that volunteers are very important and thanked all volunteers as they help make Aurora School.</p>
05-10-20-04	Board of Directors Election – Debra King	<p>2004-5 Board. Debra King introduced the 2004-05 board members: Ron Hiebert, Nazir Mulji, Tim Werbiski, Klaus Zerulla, and Debra King. Ross Johnston and Steve Simmons are ex-officio members of the board. Tim Werbiski and Nazir Mulji will be leaving office as their terms are up. Debra noted their expertise will be missed on the board.</p> <p>Aurora is a parent-directed school administered by the principal, delivering a structured program. Members should be very proud of Aurora school and volunteer whenever possible.</p> <p>Election of the 2005-06 Board. Received one nomination for Elizabeth Emslie, and have one board position open. Debra King asked for nominations from the floor, with Don Wilson being nominated. Debra welcomed Don Wilson to the board. The 2005-6 Board is: Ron Hiebert, Klaus Zerulla, Elizabeth Emslie, Don Wilson and Debra King.</p>
	Parent Council Election – Amanda Joblinski (for Steve Simmons)	<p>2004-5 Parent Council. Mrs. Joblinski introduced the current Parent Council: Rosemary Serafinchon Elizabeth Emslie Don Wilson Leona Sellyeh Darlene Zelazo, Barb Kindrachuk Melanie Kabarchuk, Amanda Joblinski — teachers Steve Simmons (chair), Principal</p> <p>Parent Council work is very important as it affects all students. Expressed appreciation for volunteers. Parent Council supported many endeavours such as the climbing wall. They also contributed funds for the penny carnival, supper for science fair judges and year-end books for grade nine grads. Some of the funds Parent council raised were: \$4000 for entertainment books, \$2000 spell a thon — divided ½ to teachers ½ to Parent Council, and \$2000 in hot lunches.</p> <p>Parent Council continued the Parent and Teacher Surveys. Information collected gives the school a feeling of any issues among its members, allowing for these issues to be addressed. With the staff survey, teacher responses go back to teacher and administration, and general responses to the Board.</p> <p>Parent Council encourage members to attend their meetings. Parent Council is tentatively planning a family dance for November 4.</p> <p>Parent Council 2005-6 Elections. All positions except in division two are acclaimed, as follows: Melody Herbert (Kindergarten)</p>

		<p>Rosemary Serafinchon (Division 1) Division Two — open Leona Sellyeh (Division 3)</p> <p>Mrs. Joblinski called for nominations from the floor for Division 2. Heather Allan nominated Marianne Grohn for Division 2 from floor and was accepted.</p> <p>Parent Council teacher representatives are Amanda Joblinski, Janiffer Song, and Bob Raynard.</p>
10-20-05-06	Facilities Update — Ron Hiebert	<p>Report from Facilities Committee.</p> <p>With respect to nominations for the board, Ron noted that the current board is getting to the point where their children are ready to graduate grade nine. To have a strong school you have to have a strong board. The Board needs new people to take over from experienced members at board meetings. The next few years will be important — the board needs its members.</p> <p>Facilities Committee has had a trying year. They have been busy working to ensure we get another facility that will allow for a long term and ensure growth. We have to find another school as we have received a letter from Caritas saying they want the facility back in the 2007-2008 year. This gives us two years to find new school. We were going to develop a P3 with a developer in Cameron Heights and build a new school, but this deal has fallen through. Aurora was caught between the public and separate school boards and city council. Currently, 130 sites have been set aside by Edmonton Public or Catholic but have never been developed. We arrived with an innovative P3 development, but could not make any progress in trying to move this idea forward. With the problem between Edmonton Public, Edmonton Catholic, and the City solved, the school boards are giving back 30 properties to the city for parks, etc. Aurora checked some sites and made a short list. Transfer from school boards to the city to take place shortly. We have been told by the Mayor that we can buy back a site from city. We are waiting for news in about 3 — 4 weeks. We have looked at five different properties near Aurora School. We want places near to Aurora. Once we get a site, we will have to work a deal with the City over cost of property. Once we have a property, and with much of the work done already we will begin development of a school. \$3.5 million will be spent on developing a school in stages (components). We are the only school in the province that runs a surplus. We will have enough money to build a school and move into it. We are now only waiting to be able to purchase site. It will be an exciting but very busy time.</p> <p>Q. How many sites are west end and south side? A. Three west-end and two south-side sites. We have selected the best five and have sent a letter to City Council giving them our choices.</p> <p>Q. How is membership selected for the Facilities Committee? A. We have asked for volunteers for the past two years. Ron Hiebert and John Sproule currently make up the Facilities Committee. Need more people and extra help, as the committee will be very busy.</p> <p>Q. Please comment on construction and planning. A. If we can get large site, Aurora will run a program for 1100 — 1200 students. If we can't get a large site we will run Kindergarten to Grade 9. The school will be developed in components and built</p>

		<p>within our needs. Financing will not be our biggest concern.</p> <p>Q. What will happen if we can't find a place? A. We will find a place. There are surplus schools in the system. We could move into a place for a few months until we can complete a facility and that is the worst case scenario. We will be able to secure a site.</p> <p>Q. Disappointing about city council meetings – seemed one sided. Please comment on what happened and why parents were not involved? A. It would not have made any difference if parents were involved. It was an issue much bigger than us. The issue was Edmonton Public got a piece of land in a very new subdivision while having undeveloped sites.</p> <p>Q. How was Aurora the catalyst? A. Developer had to set aside land for school boards. We proposed that the developer not give the school board the site when it was not in their ten-year plan. Suddenly they were scrambling to keep us off the site, and they did not have a precedent set for developers going to other boards than Edmonton Public and Catholic School Boards.</p> <p>Q. What caused school board to do this? A. There was legal opinion from city saying that they owned it. This put both Edmonton Public and Catholic School Boards on unsure footing. They decided to make a deal to avoid not losing any land.</p> <p>Ron Hiebert and John Sproule were thanked for their help. We will eventually solve this and are confident we will get a site. If you have any questions, please call Ron Hiebert or John Sproule at the school.</p> <p>We will bring pressure to bear on Minister of Education and Infrastructure to get a new facility. We may need the parent body to stand up to help provide pressure.</p>
<p>05-10-20-07</p>	<p>Financial Report – Year-End 2004 – Tim Werbiski and Klaus Zerulla</p>	<p>Financial Report.</p> <p>Mr. Werbiski noted that he had been on the Board of Directors for four years, three years as Finance Director. He noted that it is a unique opportunity to be involved in our school and he noted that neither he nor his employer have any connections to Meyers Norris Penny.</p> <p>Tim Werbiski reviewed the financial statements with Aurora members. He thanked Holly Maccagno, our school accountant, for her help with the books over the years and noted she does a great job.</p> <p>Net assets – have put money aside. Some assets are restricted to specific things, and some are unrestricted and have accumulated over past years.</p> <p>We are restricted by our charter and we can not run a deficit. Cannot borrow money as we only have a five year charter.</p> <p>Statement of operations – This is where we receive our money from and how it is dispersed. Major portion received from government grants and is based on school enrolment. We get the same amount of funding as all other public schools.</p> <p>Operations / Maintenance funding is based on school size and is</p>

		<p>proportional.</p> <p>Income from donations – Donner Foundation subsidises biological sciences studies.</p> <p>Staff salaries are the largest expense and we try to stay very competitive.</p> <p>Q. Question on statement – bonus allocation. A. This year we have not set aside a portion. Bonus payable was deferred, but we have made a policy change and it will now be in current year’s statements.</p> <p>It was noted by Mr. Werbiski that we are exploring options regarding auditors for next year.</p> <p>Klaus Zerulla. Klaus Zerulla stated that Tim was the Finance Director for the past three years and Klaus before him, but noted that the credit goes to Ron Hiebert for our excellent financial standing.</p> <p>Operating Statements. Revenues are 4% over budget and expenditures are 7% below budget. We also budget carefully on the revenue side of things. Last year, interest income was higher and due to rising enrolment costs. Substitute teachers costs were higher due to maternity leaves. We also purchased lockers and built an office. Computer lab costs lower due to the lab running well. With the building program there was a surplus. If we build in phases, we can do it on our own finances; however, we can get financing if we need it.</p> <p>Motion to accept the 2004-5 Audited Financial Statements as presented made by: Nazir Mulji Seconded by: Ron Hiebert Carried.</p> <p>Normally at this time we would ask for a motion to renew the auditors; however, we would like to begin a search for new auditors for next year as we are not happy with the current ones. We are asking members to allow the Board to research auditors, get three competitive quotes, and decide on a new auditor.</p> <p>Motion to allow the Board to research, obtain three quotes, and decide on a new auditor, made by: Azim Nathwani Seconded by: Shelley Britton Carried.</p>
05-10-20-07	Message from Students’ Council – Malika Ladha and Averi Iwaniuk	<p>The Student Council co-chairs thanked everyone for coming. This year’s student council is:</p> <p>Co-Presidents: Malika Ladha, Averi Iwaniuk Secretary: Haley Johnson Co-Treasurers: Sabreena Nathwani, Sunny Briyah Fundraising Coordinators: Elizabeth, Tanja Zerulla Event Coordinator: Brendan Hiebert Loonie Bin Coordinator: Jennifer Kogan Staff Advisors: Mrs. Joblinski, Mrs. Laffin</p> <p>For the past nine years students have come to work together to represent the Aurora School student body. Student Council is all about planning events for Aurora students. Student Council encourages student participation. Events held are events such as Mufti Days, junior high dances and movie nights, Loonie Bin and grade</p>

		nine grad. Student Council will help Parent Council with family dance preparations on November 4. Student Council have fun plans for Halloween week. They would like to plan one event per month. They also would like to thank Mrs. Joblinski and Mrs. Laffin for their help and support along with Parent Council, Aurora staff, parents and the student body. Student Council have been making a giant get well card for Mr. Simmons which will be signed by Aurora students.
05-10-20-08	Question Period	<p>Q. Are teachers at Aurora are satisfied with pension plan. A. Teacher pension is administered by the Alberta Teacher Pension Plan and teachers participate in this public plan.</p> <p>Debra also noted that we have very little teacher turnover and teachers are very happy at Aurora.</p> <p>Q. Uniforms – parent expressed concern with uniform noting they are quite cheap and would like to see brighter colours. A. Parent Council handles uniforms. Uniforms are also evolving and we will look into it.</p> <p>Q. Quality is not good – colour okay A. Mrs. King will take information back to the manufacturers and noted to please take concerns to Mrs. Janet Rockwood.</p> <p>Q. Procedural question. Is Parent Council chair to be a parent or the principal? A. We can have either parent or principal as chair, and we have principal as chair as he sits on the board and this has worked well in the past.</p> <p>Q. This question should be put to Parent Council, on the first meeting of the year, if they wish the principal to act as chair at meetings. Give Parent Council the choice.</p>
05-10-20-09	Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn made by: Kerry Cuglietta Seconded by: Nazir Mulji Carried.</p>

Certified as approved by the Aurora School Board Chairperson _____

Recording Secretary _____