

**Aquarian Charter School
Academic Policy Committee
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2014**

Members:

Mary Goolie
Hope McClurg
Rich Crosby
Simone Sanders
Christine Duprow
Joey Eski
Melissa Lipinski
Robin Brosius
Lucas Saltzman
Sarah Duffy

Visitors: Vani Srinivasan

Call meeting to order @ 5:52 pm

Minutes for May 2014 reviewed and approved

Motion made to approve minutes by Rich and seconded by Simone

APC roster was updated

Accounting – Simone and Vani

ASD giving us 3,909,344, up 909,059 from previous years with student funding at 380
Up to 10,000 per pupil from 8,748
Increase in wages
Gross 756, 583
Approximant Surplus for 14/15 is 594,526
Numbers may change due to small things like rent (Now called Contract Serv- BLDGS- Contract Services Buildings) and teacher lane movement.
Can save money, no penalty to roll over money
Moving nurse up to .75
There are no big changes to our budget
SPED TA does not come out of the general fund

Mary Goolie, Chair

Joey Eski, V chair

School Business Partners: Working on school business partners, either with teachers or PTO

Vacation Makeup Policy: Lucas will take care of it

Open Meetings Act: ASD will offer a training, TBA.

School Survey: Mary will take the lead on this and seek input from both Long Term Planning and Curriculum Committee.

Meeting adjourned 7:10 pm

Next meeting – September 15th at 5:45

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Meeting Agenda

Meeting Information

Date: Monday, August 25, 2014

Time: 5:45 pm

Location: Aquarian School Library

1. Meeting Call to order
2. Minutes Review and Approval
3. Visitors (each will be given 3 minutes to speak)
4. APC Roster and 14-15 Meeting Dates Review
5. Accounting Report –Budget Updates
6. Principal Report
7. Other reports:
 - PTO Liaison
 - Teacher Representative
 - TA Representative
8. Committees Up-dates / Old Business/ New business
 - Legislative/School Board Committee
 - Curriculum Committee – Robin, Linda, Melissa, Sarah, and Marcella
 - Long Term Planning Committee – Hope, Rich, Christine, Marcella, and Robin
 - APC Bylaws Review/Rewrite
 - School publications – tri-fold, handbook, kindergarten handbook
 - School business partners
 - Vacation Makeup Policy Among Specialists
 - APC Board Development – ASD training 9/16
 - School survey – help with curriculum and long term planning assistance
9. Adjourn Meeting

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Principal's Report

Student Climate/performance

- The SEL committee presented the new posters and expectations for this year's SEL initiative. A whole school assembly, September 3rd, will kick off the year with common language. Throughout the school year all teachers will be doing lessons from the Respected and Connected curriculum. TAs will be receiving similar training for managing playground conflict. Krissy Porter, former Aquarian TA, is returning for three months to model lessons in classrooms, run student intervention groups, and train TAs in playground conflict/resolution.
- Our preliminary data indicates that we are a five star school in the Alaska's new ASPI ranking system. Our ASPI ranking is a composite score based on attendance, student growth data (broken out by demographic), and more.

Projects/Committee Updates

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Staff

- Our new teacher is Kristin Main. She is teaching second grade this year.
- We currently have filled 10 of the 13 TA positions from last year. We are looking at hiring 2-3 additional TAs this year so there is one TA per classroom. This process will take at least two more months to complete.

Facilities

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Budget

- Our current budget is in surplus for the first time in years. I have encouraged the teachers to use their teacher meetings this year on long term planning and goal setting. We successfully addressed the first two goals in our charter over the last two years. The remaining two goals are well worded but do not provide a road map for the future. Since we have the best staff in Anchorage I look forward to hearing about the direction and vision the staff has for our curriculum as we move into an era of less financial strain.

