

Aquarian Charter School  
Academic Policy Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
9.26.2016

Members:

Rich Crosby  
Nicole Thibodeau  
Greg Carr  
Hope McClurg  
Laura Kanyer  
Robin Reich  
Jess Malone  
Melissa McDermott  
Lynda VanWinkle  
Mollie Harings  
Meghan Steenburgh

Nonvoting Members:

Lucas Saltzman

Visitors:

Carrie Connaker  
Darrell Vincek  
Meadow Carr

Meeting called to order: 5:47 pm

Greg Carr motioned to approve last meeting minutes from 8.29.2016 and Rich Crosby seconded. All were in favor.

Lynda VanWinkle motioned to approve the special meeting minutes and Hope McClurg seconded. All were in favor.

Visitor Meadow Carr stated that 2:00 math block was going good and that sometimes Fridays are wonky because kids are ready to get out of school.

Presentation ASD Glen Nielsen, "Unpacking the District's Academic Goals and Initiatives" was tabled to next meeting.

Principal Report:

August/September Events:  
October 5th - Kindy Parent Night  
October 20th - A-Thon  
October 21st – In-service Day...no school for students

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October 26th-28th- Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 25th - Explorations

- Exploration – parents will see the list prior of exploration options prior to kids selecting their top 3 choices. The aim is for 1/3 academic, 1/3 artistic, 1/3 experimental.

Projects/Committee Updates

\* Relo- The relo project is finished. We still don't have a final bill. It is going to be under the allocated \$50K

\* We are still working on an Aquarian Sign. We had a slight slowdown with municipal codes. It may not get installed until the spring due to the hang up.

Staff

\* Lynda presented on an Arts integration Conference last week. We would like to bring up one of the speakers this year. I'm working with Linda on a possible time and date.

\* Writing Project- Teachers are piloting two possible curriculums, Zaner-Bloser and Step-Up, in a variety of grade levels. In addition we are collecting work samples K-6 to complete our writing map project.

Facilities

\* We had a number of break-ins last month on the back of the property. Our sheds and green houses are the target. I recommend checking the sheds for anything valuable. Our only loss to date is a weed wacker.

Budget

\* Our current enrollment is 377. Our budget is built on 375 so we anticipate a small surplus if enrollment stays at 377 through the count period. Charter has a hard cap at 400.

Long-Term Planning: Meghan Steenburgh suggested to have Lucas really break down the three long term planning options presented at the last APC meeting. Group decided that our process for school presentation would look something like this; APC process meeting in October with Lucas, open it up in Nov and APC vote on Nov/Dec and present it in January at Tri-body meeting.

Accounting Report: Discussed the development of next year's budget and determined it is better to do it later, because forecasting is difficult. Simply better to work from an adopted budget. It will be put off till Nov/Dec. Although Lynda VanWinkle would like to work on a long-range tech budget plan now. Darrell Vincek with ASD noted that we are invited to a Management and Budget training scheduled the 10<sup>th</sup> of October.

Robin Reich and Lucas Saltzman together went over the current budget looking at what's been spent and updating; still needing to account for the teacher's extra day back to school that occurred in May.

Teacher Representative: Melissa McDermott shared that at the last teacher meeting math and the science fair were discussed. Lynda VanWinkle stated students are into a new keyboarding program called Typing Agent. Now teachers can look at the class as a whole; not just individual kids. Teachers are finishing up Aims web assessments.

TA Representative: Hope McClurg stated that they have had 2 TA meetings this year. And the bell was moved back 5 min for math.

Curriculum: Hope McClurg asked if we can do meetings after school.

Bylaws and Charter: The committee is monitoring math compression and a survey will be sent to students, parents and teachers. APC members have visited classrooms and noted that by 2:05 students are focused. Committee will also incorporate teacher feedback via Lucas and the APC meeting.

Legislative: Maintaining Juneau contacts

Survey and Evals: Nothing

Tri-Board: Playground equipment was a main topic including looking into gravel on trail, foam around rubber mulch and building a hockey rink.

Community Engagement & Relationships: Marie went and offered coffee and cookies to the neighbors. Next time we have a big event we may be able to park at the church and walk down Wyoming Street. Next committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am in the library. Looking into business partnerships and a teacher who will take the lead. Lynda has been updating the teacher pictures on our website.

ASD Open Meetings Act Ethic Training: Had several APC members attend the meeting. Serves as a good reminder to not use "reply all" when emailing to avoid it turning into a meeting. Error on the conservative side and remember that more than two members signifies a meeting.

Melissa McDermott motion to move our Oct 10<sup>th</sup> APC meeting to Oct 17<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Nicole Thibodeau and all were in favor.

6:38 PM regular meeting was adjourned and APC went into Executive Session to discuss financial data and information pertaining to the Long-Range Planning & Facilities Committee.

At 7:17 PM Lynda VanWinkle motioned to adjourn the special session. The motion was seconded by Melissa McDermott and all were in favor.