

Aquarian Charter School
Academic Policy Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2016

Mark Ellis, Chair
Joey Eski, V. Chair

Members:

Mary Goolie
Greg Carr
Meghan Steenburgh
Nicole Thibodeau
Melissa McDermott
Lynda VanWinkle
Hope McClurg
Joey Eski

Melissa Hipenski

Nonvoting Member:
Lucas Saltzman

Visitors:

Jess Malone

Call meeting to order: 5:50 PM

Principal's report (see attached)

- Board training Saturday
 - Trainers are from state school board training and Saturday's Board training follows the principal training on Friday.
 - Mary, Linda, Nicole plan to attend at KCC
- AMP scores
 - Scores are affected by our enrichment program which is open to more students
 - Our economically disadvantaged kids did half or better than the nation and in writing our economically disadvantaged kids do better than non economically disadvantaged
 - Lucas described the definition of the levels
 - Statistics – you can draw any conclusion, so take the numbers with a grain of salt.
 - Aims is nationally normed
- Staffing
 - finish out the year with long term sub in music, hire for next year.
- Budget
 - a little over 100k cushion in teaching supplies, All based on the state's BSA allotment and what it will be.
- Accounting

- No updates. Technology is zeroed out to do a laptop upgrade for teachers. All teachers now have new ones

No treasurer: wait till elections and we will get one.

Teacher Rep

- Working on aligning writing from K-6. Two more sets to do. Includes materials, ideas
- Robots: dash and dot.
 - Kids learning to program them.
 - Big buddy learned and then used knowledge to teach little buddies
- Conferences and explorations coming up.
 - Exploration day is during the upcoming short conferences week.
- Neeser donated scrap wood so we can build mazes for dash and dot
- Bill signed up for sqords: All intermediate and $\frac{3}{4}$ will get a free sqord through a grant from providence. We are also part of a case study so everyone will get one next year. We are the control group. Waterproof. Measures movement not steps. Two ipad minis so kids can check the sqord in while at school

TA Report

- Fully staffed. Recess is icy. Ice skating has started and kids are happy.
- Hope's term comes up in February. TA's aren't on the ballot, TAs pick new one and also teachers pick their own teacher Rep, not on a ballot.

Committee Updates

Legislative:

- Don't change HB 278. We don't want to make any changes from the work we did.
- Great Alaska Schools doesn't allow us in. It was also in our best interest not to be associated with them when approaching the legislature.

Bylaws:

- Editing Technology and the Enrichment testing and how to get in to enrichment
- Linda and Nicole joining the bylaws committee, Nicole off of the Legislative committee. We need to convene in February.

Curriculum:

- Melissa is leaving APC so we need to appoint someone, maybe after elections. Lucas will look for the curriculum map.
- Technology curriculum has been updated by Linda. She works with grade level teams.

Tri Board exec

- meets Tuesday 1/26 during the once/month lunch meeting, no meeting in Dec. so no update right now.

Election Committee

- Nicole lead election committee. Melissa will be on it too. 2/22 self nominations due.
- Election will be the 29th. Post nomination forms in the office, multiple copies at the election table. Openings: Mary, Joey, Simone, Melissa are up for election. Simone, Mary and Melissa won't be returning. 11 total members.
- Election committee needs to have a non APC member. First check with PTO then ask a parent.
- Poll is open all day. School directory is how we track voters. Each household has 1 vote. Divorced families can both vote. Can only vote in person. Timeframe: 8:15 – 3:30. Always cc Hope and Annie about this stuff.

Long term planning:

- If we want a relo on site we have to start paperwork now.
 - A third relo is about 850-1000 sf. Could be a classroom. This would free up Computer lab. Could be for robots, lego robotics. Leave server and office in computer lab, but change it, get rid of desktops and put project based tech in there. Computerlab is nice for interventions, lego table, project room
 - Estimated cost is \$50K to get the relo and get rid of the construction trailer from the playground.
- This is part of a rebuild of the shed grove for storage. Possibly move construction trailer and turn it into storage.

Action: Joey moved to approve up to but to not exceed \$50K to upgrade to relocatable. Seconded and approved by all members.

Survey and Elections Committee:

- Next meeting: we will discuss the survey. Lucas will have time to organize comments. We will go into exec session = those that are not supervised by Lucas. Also we will choose officers at our next meeting. Chair invites old board members to stay for exec session. Can always appoint nonboard members to committees.

Action: Joey moved to approve the minutes. Melissa McDermotts seconds. All approve.

Meeting adjourned 7:26

Next APC meeting March 21.

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Meeting Agenda

Meeting Information

Date: Monday, January 25, 2016

Time: 5:45 pm

Location: Aquarian Library

1. Meeting Call to order
2. Minutes Review and Approval
3. Visitors (each will be given 3 minutes to speak)
4. Principal Report
5. Accounting Report
6. Other reports:
 - Teacher Representative
 - TA Representative
7. Committees Up-dates / Old Business/ New business
 - Legislative Committee
 - Curriculum Committee
 - Long Term Planning/Facilities Committee
 - Bylaws/Charter Committee -updates
 - **Survey/Evaluations Committee**
 - Tri-Board Executive Committee (PTO,APC,Teachers) Update
 - **Nominate Election Committee - Nicole Thibodeau Lead**
8. Adjourn Meeting

Next APC Meeting: Monday, March 21, 2016 5:45PM

Proposed topic: Annual Business

Tri-Body meeting (PTO, APC, Teachers) is postponed

Monday, January 25, 2016

Principal's Report

Student Climate/Performance/Events

- AMP results- I attached a brief school summary for Math and Language Arts. Please encourage parents to talk with school staff if they have questions about individual scores.
- Exploration 2- This one-day exploration is Tuesday, February 16th. This is the day before conferences.
- Conferences- There is a half-day (11:30 dismissal) on Wednesday, February 17th. There is no school on the 18th and 19th. We look forward to meeting with you and talking about your awesome child!
- Tours- It is the start of tour season for the school. We have a tour every Tuesday morning at 9:30 and Thursday at 1:00. You are welcome to join us and provide an APC perspective.

Projects/Committee Updates

- Kiln- Our Kiln is installed and operational. We will be having an Artist-in-Residence, Autumn Tietlow, tentatively coming the week before conferences and the week after conferences. Students will be working with the artist during their classes scheduled weekly art time. Autumn plans to have each student complete a project during her residency.

Staff

- Music Opening- I'm still interviewing for our music opening. We are excited about the candidates that have applied and we continue to get new interest weekly. I'm looking at offering the job for next August and finishing the year with a long-term sub.

Budget

- No changes this month to our projected budget.

