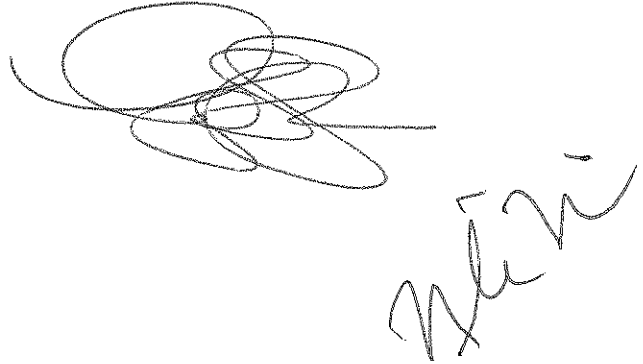


Aquarian Charter School
Academic Policy Committee
Meeting Minutes
1/23/17

Members:

Rich Crosby
Robin Reich
Melissa McDermott
Laura Kanyer
Jess Malone
Meghan Steenburgh
Greg Carr
Lynda VanWinkle

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Nonvoting Members:

Lucas Saltzman

Meeting called to order at 5:46 PM.

Lynda VanWinkle motioned to approve last month's minutes. Melissa McDermott seconded the motion.

Robin proposed changes to the minutes. Robin motioned to amend minutes to reflect the math block language changes and changes to the budget language. Jess Malone seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Principal's Report:

Data: We are looking at first semester data for trends and impacts to the adjustments to math block. Kids are doing very well this year.

Testing: New State accountability exam this year. The test will be administered in April. Our fourth graders will be taking the NAEP exam on March 7th. NAEP is often referred to as the "nation's report card."

Lynda VanWinkle – has organized a credit course for the staff this year. The class will be on innovation, critique, portfolio and project based learning. The book is, Leaders of Their Own Learning, by Ron Berger. Our Charter requires 3 portfolio shares a year on top of parent teacher conferences. Lynda recommends more student led portfolios and for students to become a bigger part of their own learning. Lucas asked that Lynda bring her ideas to the teacher's meeting to get buy-in.

Fully staffed. Pat and Lynda's move scenario is settled. Lynda is going to the relo and Pat into the computer lab. Lynda is teaching 4th grade next year. Work orders will be put in for any classroom changes needed. This will flow through our normal channels.

Next Year's Staffing:

Kasey and Monica – 6th grade
Sarah P and Linda – 5th grade
Lynda and Robert – 4th grade
Stacy and Brenda – 3rd grade

Budget: ASD Facilities Dept is improving communication about our facilities expenses throughout the year. We received our 2nd quarter bill (Oct-Dec) for ASD services two weeks ago. Our 2nd quarter bill is \$3,250.57.

APC workshop on Jan 28th from 9-4:30 at King Career Center.

Survey & Evaluations:

Lucas, Nicole and Meghan started on survey questions and we reviewed them as a group.

Specifically reviewed the following question; Aquarian's teachers are working on a new and more rigorous writing curriculum. Have you noted this change in your child's / children's school work? It was determined to leave question in as it is an important question and also serves to provide information to parents.

Discussed doing a map specific survey for each individual grade in the future. Looking at possibly doing prior to Parent Teacher Conferences. This will also go down as a recommendation to the curriculum committee. Lynda VanWinkle discussed possibly having map survey done by Feb 17th.

Survey will go out next week.

Election Committee:

- Timing modifications – when it takes place and when you have to switch people. Saltzman's contract and evaluation hit right after the transition. Determined it would be best to have a prep period (overlap) where new committee members attend meetings prior to being on the APC (non-voting members)
- Who would like to volunteer to be on the Election Committee? Lynda will be the teacher APC representative. Laura volunteered to be on as the APC ~~parent~~ *member*
- Election is usually around President's week. Move it back a week to February 28th.
- Need the slate of candidates by February 13th.
- Plan to do a Robo Call to get the information out.

Long-Range Planning:

- Big decision for after-school care. There is some seed money. Lucas is bringing more detailed info to the PTA. The program would be based on Bear Valley / Rabbit Creek model. ASA along with licensing. PTO will decide soon. Hire a director over the summer or at least ~~the~~ a couple months in. Lucas would be interim director. Moves revenue stream and allows better funding for teachers who participate. Rolling carts – part of the \$20,000.
- Artists in Residence – Money not allocated in our current budget.
 - Mural on the gym wall – exterior wall (Fineman's class taking the lead)
 - Fixed mural piece – casting globes – run it through the art class. Fixed piece that would hang from the ceiling.

Melissa McDermott motioned to adjourn at 7:15 PM. Rich Crosby seconded the motion and all were in favor.