

Aquarian Charter School  
Academic Policy Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
3/27/17

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Members:

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

Nonvoting Members:

Lucas Saltzman

Meeting called to order at 5:47 PM.

Lynda VanWinkle motioned to approve last month's minutes. Rich seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Principal's Report:

After School Program is a go.

6<sup>th</sup> grade trip next week and Lucas is attending.

Intent to return packet is hopefully coming out next week.

Math back in the morning – 1<sup>st</sup> thing in the morning after the pledge and back to a 75 min block. They were able to schedule a primary 2 hour literature block in the morning. Next year we will be adding an extra teacher, but will be down one math teacher. Lunch will be at noon instead of 11:30 am.

PEAK testing starting tomorrow.

Budget hasn't changed from the state side right now. We have over spent on leave, but it will be adjusted at the end of the year.

Mural – there will be a community event – partnership with Blains. We will also have a 3-D casting project.

Treasurer's Report: Nothing at this time. Talk about it at next meeting.

Teacher's Report: Teacher computers are here. Melissa – teachers are working on an adoption of a writing curriculum. Melissa is trying to find a replacement for her position on the APC. Melissa will be working with after-school stuff instead.

TAs completed the training for PEAKS testing that starts tomorrow.

Long-Range Planning: Greg reported that a group of APC members went to talk to the head of facilities & purchasing. They learned that ASD has no plans to assist Aquarian in securing a new building.

We reviewed the proposed meeting dates for the 17-18 calendar year.

Curriculum: No new APC meetings

By-laws: Next meeting is 4.27.17. We met 3.21.17 to begin the process. We are going through the by-laws first. We discussed that now is a good time for Melissa to gather information on what by-laws the teachers are interested in changing/updating.

Legislative: Meghan sent Lucas and Nicole a sample parent letter. We need to assess their feelings about Charter schools and funding for facilities.

Community Engagement: A non-electric sign bid came in for \$7,600. The next step would be to get a permit. Some APC members are more interested in an electronic sign. There was also concern expressed about vandalism or damage from plows or vehicles and the fact that our sign wouldn't be insured.

Laura Kanyer motioned to approve \$7,600 towards the sign pending permit approval. Lynda VanWinkle seconded the motion.

Five APC members were in favor and five members were opposed. We will hold off on moving forward with a sign at this point.

Melissa McDermott moved to adjourn at 6:47 pm and Lynda VanWinkle seconded and all were in favor.

We then went into Executive Session to discuss survey results and to discuss and vote on renewing Lucas Saltzman's contract.