

Aquarian Charter School
Academic Policy Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2016

Members:

Rich Crosby
Hope McClurg
Lynda Van Winkle
Melissa McDermott
Meghan Steenburgh
Laura Kanyer
Greg Carr
Jess Malone
Mollie Harings
Robin Reich

Nonvoting Member:

Lucas Saltzman

Visitors:

Carrie Connaker
Heather Williams

Meeting called to order: 5:48 PM

Last meetings minutes (4.18.16): Robin had one addition to make to the minutes, which was written in.
Action: Rich Crosby motioned to approve the minutes. Greg Carr seconded and all were in favor.

Principal's Report:

Supplied by Lucas Saltzman. See attachment.

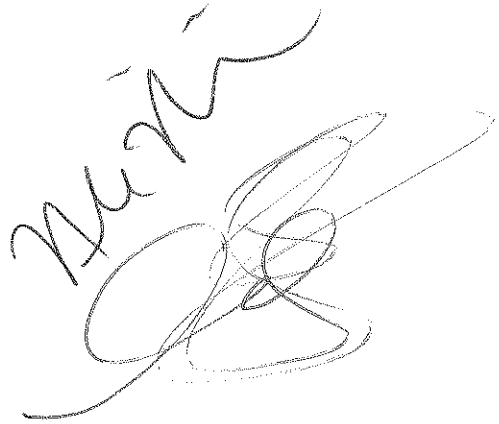
Discussion during the meeting surrounded the need for 'Day Back Early' for teachers and the funding of that day. The plan for that day is to peg 6 goals w/ timelines as well as flesh out charter goals and writing projects.

Action: Robin Reich motioned to move 6K from supply money to fund the day back early. Greg Carr seconded and all were in favor.

Committee Updates:

The newest committee, Community Engagement and Relationships, met two weeks ago and Laura shared the three goals created:

- Digital Marquee: Annie is calling around to get pricing. Discussion surrounded the benefits of electronic marquee verses manual. Discussion also surrounded tying this project into the currently budgeted relo project. Installing a TV monitor inside the building with a looping

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slideshow showcasing school events was also discussed. TV monitor could go at the end of the ramp before the boy's bathroom because there is currently power there. Discussion also surrounded putting power in the front and displaying the monitor in that area.

- Improve newsletter, Facebook page and website (Linda will update the webpage) Newsletter – one class per month be in charge of it.
- APC better represented at events. Examples provided were holding a quarterly coffee and APC having a table at the beginning of the year Ice cream social.

Action: Jess Malone motioned for Lucas Saltzman to manage the marquee project, tie it into the current relo project and proceed with securing a marquee if we are able to stay within the currently budgeted 50K relo money. Mollie Harings seconded and all were in favor.

Long-Term Planning/Facilities:

This committee also met since our last APC meeting. Rich Crosby supplied the following goals:

- Stay within charter and keep costs down
- Replace job trailer with a relo and try to nudge it north to gain more ice rink back
- Provide direction for before/after school program. Aquarian could take over the program, but we would have to manage it. This would allow for a higher quality program and a revenue stream. A board would need to govern it. That board could work with the PTO. The timeline goal for this project is fall 2017. Lucas Saltzman will manage up front as an interim director, but eventually it will need a permanent director.
- Expand Aquarian (create program growth and innovation and display continued need for a new facility)
 - Add pre-k
 - May not be possible to have it in our current building.
 - Tuition would be required with possibility of looking into grant programs.
 - Who gets in? lottery? Neighborhood program? Sibling preference? All these were discussed as well as combinations of the above.
 - Rich Crosby suggested that the ideal solution would be a Pre-k on-site w/ public funding.
 - Add intermediate classrooms
 - Add some form of middle school
 - Add sister school

Action: Hope McClurg motioned to start exploring adding a pre-k program. Rich Crosby seconded and all were in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Next APC meeting is August 29, 2016