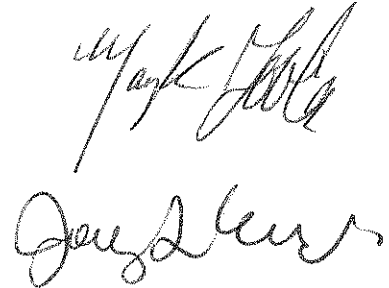


**Aquarian Charter School
Academic Policy Committee
Meeting Minutes
Oct. 12, 2015**

Members:

Mary Goolie
Greg Carr
Simone Sanders
Joey Eski
Melissa McDermott
Meghan Steenburgh
Melissa Lipinski
Hope McClurg
Nicole Thibodeau
Rich Crosby



Non Voting Members

Lucas Saltzman

Visitors:

Darrel Vincek – Charter School Liaison
Ms Linda – Tech Specialist

Darrell discussed his role as the Charter School Liaison. Brings 30yrs of experience by way of a teacher and administrator. He discussed upcoming events worth attending. 10/15/15 – understanding the purchasing process. 01/30/16 – meeting for APC boards. It will be a training workshop – put on by Alaska Assoc. of School Boards.

Ms Linda discussed a little bit about her role and her observations.

Call meeting to order @ 5:45 pm

Minutes for August 2015 reviewed and approved

Principal Report – Lucas (see attached report)

Online conference sign ups available
SEL assembly happening – Focus on the four words
Kiln should be up and functional end of Oct/ begin Nov
Currently we have a long term sub in music, Ms England until the 3rd week of November
Still in search for a couple TAs
A-thon 10/14/15
Basket fundraiser Oct 19-29. Pick up on the 30th
Staff Appreciation taking place

Dec 7th – Joint APC meeting @ 5:45pm – we will be reviewing long term vision
Jan 11th – Tri Board meeting @ 5:45pm

Accounting/ Budget – Simone/ Lucas

Reviewed 2 docs. One was a 2014/2015/2016 comparative. The other was a 2016/17 preliminary budget. Take away was there was a change in the overall general fund and was revised down. The goal was to strip out ancillary line items in anticipation for a salary increase, cost associated with medical benefits, and inflation.
It appears as though we should be fine but may need to tap into our savings in order to accommodate additional costs not captured on the preliminary budget draft.

Teacher Rep - Melissa

Looking for 2nd teacher rep for grades 3-6
Explorations begin next week. We discussed additional funding through PTO as an exploration project is geared toward STEM
Oct 15th – teachers are being allocated 1000 each per year to do inventory and order what they need for classroom supplies. This will be first time done this way. Teachers will work in conjunction with Lucas to vet supplies being ordered.

TA Update – Hope

2 TAs brought on board
Oct 19th – TA Orientation

Committee update/old/new

Legislative Update – N/A

Long Term Planning – Rich Crosby

6 remodel projects that will be looked into
At 4 corners look to build it out to include specialists
Paint exterior/interior of building
Possibly repurposing the Tech Lab
Extend covered space near gym entrance
Hockey rink – look to add boards
Modify water fountains to accommodate water bottles

Curriculum Committee – Melissa

Discussed things as it pertained to Tech
Look to do a parent survey to get feedback on Tech and new spelling format

Charter / Bylaws – N/A

Surveys – N/A

Triboard – N/A

Next APC meeting Dec 7th @ 5:45 pm – Topics are Joint APC / PTO meeting focused on long term planning

Meeting adjourned @ 7:18 pm

Aquarian Charter School
Academic Policy Committee
Meeting Agenda

Meeting Information

Date: Monday, October 12, 2015

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 – **Budget discussion for 2016-2017**
6. Other reports:
 - ✓ Teacher Representative
 - ✓ TA Representative
7. Committees Up-dates / Old Business/ New business
 - ✓ Legislative Committee
 - ✓ Curriculum Committee –website posting of curriculum map
 - ✓ Long Term Planning/Facilities Committee- survey questions
 - Bylaws/Charter Committee
 - Survey/Evaluations Committee
 - Tri-Board Executive Committee (PTO,APC,Teachers) Update
8. Adjourn Meeting

Next Meeting: Monday, December 7, 2015 5:45PM

Proposed topics: Joint APC/PTO meeting focused on Long term planning/facilities .

Monday, October 5, 2015

Principal's Report

Student Climate/performance

- Guest Speaker- We are tentatively scheduling motivational speaker and author, Dan Bigley, to visit the school on Tuesday, November 3rd. He will work with 2-3 intermediate classes (3rd-6th grade) at a time in the library. His message is hard work, perseverance, and a little about his own experience. His message fits perfectly with my behavior visits this year.
- Conferences- We are excited to try an online parent-teacher conference scheduler this year. Information is going out in email. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions. The conference schedule opens on Wednesday.
- SEL assembly- We are having an all school assembly on October 21st to review our school wide behavior expectations. The teachers will use dance, reader's theater, and more to highlight our school wide language and expectations.

Projects/Committee Updates

- Kiln- Municipal permitting has moved the project completion date to late October. Lisa, our new art teacher, is looking at a possible kick off in January with artist Autumn Tetlow.
- A-thon- It is coming October 15th! This is our major fundraiser for the year. Looking forward to seeing those kids out a moving to raise money for a great school.
- Basket Fundraiser- The baskets will be in the hall this year. Please give any sensitive items to the teacher. This fundraiser will run October 19-30.

Staff

- Changes- Due to unforeseen circumstances we had a lot of staffing changes this week. Pat, Lisa C., Brenda, and Robin all transferred to new positions. We are currently hiring for a music teacher. The job will post soon. We are anxious to start interviewing this week or early next week.
- We still have one TA job posted. In addition, we had a TA resign for personal reasons and we will be posting that job at the end of the month.

Facilities

- Building Projects- An APC subcommittee met last week and will report to the APC next Monday. Our Educational Specifications project started a number of ideas in the community and we collecting bids and assessing those ideas this year.

Budget

- Vani and I are roughing in our budget for next year. We will present the first draft on Monday at the APC meeting. We do not anticipate major changes.

November 2015 Aquarian PTO Board Members and Officers

Shareen Crosby	President
Nadina Morris	Vice President
Susan Gress	Treasurer
Amy Newman	Secretary
Dean Syta	Member
Shana Hamilton	Member
Wendy Davis	Member
Christina Rankin	Member
Emily Walker	Member
Danni Hall	Member
Marie Russell/Monica Severson	Teacher Representative
Lucas Saltzman	Principal- non-voting

Term Calculator

Name	Length of Term	1 st term	2 nd Term	Termed Out	Resigned
Shareen Crosby	2 years	2013-2015	2015-2017		
Dean Syta	2 years	2013-2015	2015-2017		
Nadina Morris	2 years	2014-2016			
Susan Gress	2 years	2014-2016			
Amy Newman	2 years	2014-2016			
Shana Hamilton	2 years	2014-2016			
Wendy Davis	2 years	2015-2017			
Christina Rankin	2 years	2015-2017			
Emily Walker	2 years	2015-2017			
Danni Hall	2 years	2015-2017			

Elections slots for 16/17 School year: Nobody will be termed out but Nadina, Susan, Amy, and Shana will finish their first term and can choose to run for a second term or step down.