

Aquarian Charter School
Academic Policy Committee
Meeting Agenda

Meeting Information

Date: Monday, March 16, 2015

Time: 5:45 pm

Location: Aquarian School Library

1. Meeting Call to order ✓
2. Minutes Review and Approval ✓
3. Visitors (each will be given 3 minutes to speak) ✓
4. APC Officer nominations ✓
5. APC Board Evaluation ✓
6. New APC Meeting Format ✓
7. Principal Report – AK Charter School Workshop /
8. Accounting Report
9. Other reports:
 - PTO Update
 - Teacher Representative
 - TA Representative
10. Committees Up-dates / Old Business/ New business
 - Legislative Committee
 - Curriculum Committee / Curriculum Map Project
 - Long Term Planning Committee
11. Adjourn Meeting

Next Meeting: Monday, April 20, 2015 5:45PM

Proposed topics: New APC Meeting Format and APC Bylaws update



Aquarian Charter School APC Board Activity Analysis

Accumulative results representing 8 members

April 2015

Please rank each activity from 1 to 10 (1 being the lowest and 10 being the highest) in regards to how important you feel these APC board member activities are to our school community

Attendance and volunteer at school functions	8
Participation in classroom learning	7
Attend APC meetings regularly	9.5
Volunteering on an APC committee	9
Read the updated website/classroom newsletters/bulletins	7.5
Educating others about what the APC does	9.5
Recruitment of new business partners	5.5
Reach out to ASD administration for support ideas	7.5
Reach out to Senators or Representatives about current issues	7
Reach out to other school's APCs for interrelated charter concerns	7.5
Connecting with the principal to see if there are any school wide issues	9.5
Check in with the chair on current projects	8
Establishing good relationships with the teaching staff	9
Voicing an opinion over new ideas that could move the program forward	9
Actively promoting the school in the Anchorage community	8.5
Educating yourself and other board members on processes that influence the school community (funding, new state regulations, district)	8
Reading and knowing the school's charter and APC bylaws	9
Sit on interview panels for teacher hiring	7.5

Monday, March 2, 2015

Principal's Report

Student Climate/performance

- Feb Events-
 - Run, Dance, Skate-a-thon 3/4/15, All Day!!
 - Spring Break- 3/6/15-3/15/15
 - Science Fair- 3/17/15 and 3/18/15
 - Author Visit- Julia Cook, 3/26/15
 - Testing Starts- 3/30/15
- State testing- Our testing window this year is from 3/30-4/24. We have a rough schedule available in the office. The testing will be online this year. The online testing will replace our SBA testing in language arts and math. Fourth graders are still scheduled to take the paper/pencil science SBA on March 24th.

Projects/Committee Updates

- We are evaluating the tech position for next year. If you have feedback about that position please feel free to pass it on to the APC or myself.
- The Statewide Charter Workshop was a success. We were able to organize around three key themes. The topics are facilities, funding, and communication (internal focus this year).

Staff

- We are currently hiring for one Special Education TA.

Facilities

- Kiln- Jae Shin is working on the gazebo design. The kiln has been delivered.
- Front Entry- The front entry is complete. We are working on signage. The new process will start after Spring Break.
- Educational Specification Project- Amy Yurko, Brainspaces, has completed a draft proposal for our facility. We are working on finalizing that document before Spring Break.
- Wireless upgrade- The tech committee would like to continue to purchase portable technology. We have found it is easier to maintain and cheaper than the lab. However, we need to upgrade wireless to accommodate the devices. I'm currently working on bids for the project. The tech committee will also be asking the APC to consider a partial-full tech position for next year to help with the transition.

Budget

- There are no new updates on budget.

**Aquarian Charter School
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Meeting Minutes
March 16th 2015**

Members:

**Mary Goolie
Greg Carr
Simone Sanders
Joey Eski
Linda Julliard
Rich Crosby
Robin Brosius
Melissa Lipinski
Hope McClurg
Nicole Thibideau**

Non Voting Members

Lucas Saltzman

Visitors:

No comments from visitors

Call meeting to order @ 5:55 pm

Minutes for Jan 2015 reviewed and approved

Two new members added to APC board. The board recognized Nicole Thibideau and Meghan Steenburgh. We did an informal round the table introduction.

APC officer nominees took place. Open positions were discussed , candidates were identified, and positions were voted on and approved.

Treasurer – Simone Sanders – new term (unopposed)

Secretary – Greg Carr – new term (unopposed)

Vice Chair – Joey Eski - unopposed (one more year – Rich Crosby will work along side her to learn more about the position at hand)

Chair – Mary Goolie – unopposed (opted to hold on for another 1 year term)

Board reviewed results from the Activity Analysis . The analysis was a good reference tool and measure of areas to focus on. It was decided to do on an annual basis as a means of reflection and initiatives going forward. The analysis was not an exhaustive list and can be added to over time. One area that was highlighted in the meeting as it pertained to the analysis is “Who and What is a business partner?”

Principal Report – See attached

Highlights to the report

Considering a Part Time Tech Support/ trouble shooter. We may look at making a possible amendment to the budget. It will be discussed in April's meeting.
Statewide workshop took place. 16 of 29 schools participated. The here areas of attention were: (1) Facilities, (2) Change in funding at a state level, and (3) communication as a whole.
Cindy Hughes will be retiring
Staffing numbers submitted – we will be down one teacher, i.e., Cindy Hughes.

Accounting – Simone

Reviewed prelim budget for FY 15/16 vs 14/15 vs 13/14
Not much had changed with the exception of additional allocations of funds were reflected in areas indicated in prior meetings and budget approvals.
Funds that have been allocated this year that are not used will be able to be added to the facilities fund which, in turn, will not impact the general fund.

PTO Report –

No PTO liaison has been assigned
Getting results from the A-Thon. Fundraising due by Friday March 20th.
Discussing fundraising venues for next year
APC and PTO calendar to be distributed with 15/16 schedule

Teacher Rep - Linda

Science Fair – setting up has commenced. North of 200 projects being displayed.
Theatre Arts was discussed

TA Update – Hope

Playground is very icy
Looking to hire a spec. ed TA

Committee update/old/new

Legislative Update – N/A
Members of the committee are Joey(lead), Megan

Long Term Planning – N/A
Members include Rich (lead), Greg, Hope, Joey, Mary, Meghan

Curriculum Committee – working on curriculum mapping.
Members include Melissa (lead), Linda, Simone, Nicole, Robin

APC to revisit and discuss meeting format

Meeting adjourned 7:25 pm

Next meeting –April 20th 2015 @ 5:45pm