

Aquarian Charter School
Academic Policy Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 15th, 2014

Chair Mary Goolie
V. Chair Jay Jew

Members:

Mary Goolie
Greg Carr
Rich Crosby
Simone Sanders
Marchella libbrecht
Joey Eski
Linda Julliard
Melissa Lipinski
Robin Brosius

Non Voting Members

Lucas Saltzman
Vani Srinivasan

Visitors:

None

Call meeting to order @ 5:55 pm

Minutes for Aug. 2014 reviewed and approved

Accounting – Simone / Lucas / Vani

Lucas did a 30,000' review of the 2014/2015 Budget. Point of the discussion was to bring to light the highlights and things to watch. Lucas will work in conjunction with Simone and on a regular basis review the highlights of the budget with APC.

Principal Report –Lucas Saltzman (see attached report)

Behavior talks have began and those discussions will be accompanied by the ASD and th Aquarian Handbook.

New lunch tables have been ordered

Tri Body Meeting Oct 4th from 8:30 – 1:30

Open Act Meeting - Sept 22 from 4-6pm @ ASD

Still trying to hire 4 TA positions

we will revisit priorities of budget items and address accordingly. We moved to vote and all were in favor but one member

PTO Report - Mary Goolie / Marchella

Budget approved

Elections - Oct 6th

Fall Festival Oct 23rd

PTO / APC attending next Teacher Meeting

PTO has set aside 10,000 for professional development (process runs through Lucas)

PTO has also set aside 2000 for teachers that might need additional funding for explorations as it pertains specifically to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)

Teacher Rep Report- Linda / Robin

Working with teachers to determine what is going on and what is needed

1st explorations are Oct 10th

Stage has arrived

TA Report- N/A

Committee update/old/new

Legislative Update – None

Long Term Planning – met over the summer and 2 take aways were because of the 2014/15 budget it was discussed to set aside reserves for vision of new facility and bonding process and to set aside reserves for material upgrade on curriculum. HB278 – Joey and Lucas attending the signing of the bill

In the APC meeting there was 2 motions: (1) was to set aside 100,000 for material upgrade in our curriculum. It was motioned to approve. 8 were in favor / 2 were not. Motion was approved to set aside funds. (2) was to set aside 100,000 for new facility bonding process that did ~~not~~ include a outside consultant. It was motioned to approve. 9 were in favor / 1 not. Motion was approved

Curriculum Committee – coordinating with teachers. Looking to survey the community as to what the community wants to see in the curriculum.

Aquarian Community Survey – Currently being drafted. Finalized survey forthcoming. Results to be discussed at next APC meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm

Next meeting – Oct 20th, 2014 @ 5:45pm

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Meeting Agenda

Meeting Information

Date: Monday, September 15, 2014

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. Accounting Report -Budget Updates
5. Principal Report
6. Other reports:
 - PTO Liaison
 - Teacher Representative
 - TA Representative
7. Committees Up-dates / Old Business/ New business
 - Legislative/School Board update
 - Long Term Planning Committee
 - Curriculum Committee
 - Aquarian Community Survey
8. Adjourn Meeting

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Principal's Report

Student Climate/performance

- I will be starting behavior talks in classrooms next week. It is a 15-20 minute presentation that includes a book reading and behavior expectations. In addition I hand out ASD and Aquarian handbooks during the talk. I appreciate all the feedback on our student handbook.

Projects/Committee Updates

- Lunch Tables- Our new lunch tables have been ordered. We are looking for customers for the round lunch tables currently in the gym. Please let me know if you find an interested community group.
- Front Entry- The security and locking front door installation has been delayed but should be completed before winter.
- School Business Partners- Our current business partners are Blaines Art Gallery, Hillside Rotary, and Manuka Health Clinic. We have reached out to them and renewed our partnerships. We look forward to working with them more this year. Please let me know if you are interested in helping engage them in a project, exploration, or other activity.
- Technology- Kristin and Robert are piloting 12 Chrome books for the school. We are looking at them as a better alternative to the iPad. A teacher team is meeting next Tuesday to start planning our technology implementation over the next couple years.
- Tri-body Meeting- We will have a communication workshop on October 4th from 8:30-1:30. The workshop facilitators, George and Donna Hoffecker, are meeting with Mary (APC chair), Shareen (PTO chair), and Monica (Teacher chair) to confirm the final agenda. The PTO board, APC board, and teachers are all invited to attend. We will have breakfast snacks and coffee from 8:30-9:00. The meeting from 9:00-1:00 with a break. The workshop will end at 1:00 with lunch until 1:30/2:00. The PTO is providing the main dish and sides are welcome.

Staff

- We currently have filled 11 of the 15 TA positions from last year. This process should be completed in about two weeks.

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