

Aquarian Charter School
Academic Policy Committee
Meeting Minutes
October 20th, 2014

Members:

Mary Goolie
Greg Carr
Hope McClury
Rich Crosby
Joey Eski
Linda Julliard
Sara Duffy
Robin Brosius

Non Voting Members

Lucas Saltzman
Vani Srinivasan

Visitors:

None

Call meeting to order @ 5:45 pm

Minutes for Sept 2014 reviewed and approved

(Sept 2014 minutes amended to reflect that the outside consultant would be included in the \$100,000 that would be set aside for bonding process since that is what was decided in last meeting)

Accounting – Simone (not present)

No changes to be addressed. ASD CFO would like to wait to do next year's budget. Simone and Lucas will meet and provide update November 17th.

Principal Report –Lucas Saltzman (see attached report)

SST for struggling students – Lucas explained our process
2 TA positions still left to fill
Lucas out 1st week of November – attending conference
Legislative grants due next week...prior grants have been awarded to library, tables, security cameras, white boards. APC board discussed possible ideas
School website coming on the 27th

PTO Report - Marchella (termed out) – position vacant

Mary Goolie, Chair
Joey Eski, v. chair

Existing PTO positions have been filled
Assigned an administrative committee
Working on the unfunded fundraiser

TA Rep – Hope

Elected 2 TA reps (am and pm)
Doing SEL training
Look to have TA's do inservice training with the teachers as part of professional development

Teacher Rep - Linda and Robin

Great inservice training
Reviewing math monitoring
Closed out Q1 – grades turned in
After school activities begin week of Nov 3rd.

Committee update/old/new

Legislative Update – ASD receptive to bonding

Long Term Planning – will meet again after Ed spes have been completed.

Curriculum Committee – met and are working on a more navigable curriculum map.

Tri Body – not an executive committee as per principal report. Looking to determine how to pull and extract input from the community.

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm

Next meeting –Nov. 17th, 2014 @ 5:45pm

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Meeting Agenda

Meeting Information

Date: Monday, October 20, 2014

Time: 5:45 pm

Location: Aquarian School Library

1. Meeting Call to order
2. Minutes Review and Approval
3. Visitors are welcome (each will be given 3 minutes to speak if needed)
4. Accounting Report –Budget Updates
5. Principal Report
 - Student Support Team (SST) for struggling students
 - Math Placement
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
 - Tri-body meeting follow up
 - Administrative Committee – Gathering Aquarian Community input in addition to the survey
8. Adjourn Meeting

Next Meeting: Monday, November 17, 2014 5:45PM

Proposed Agenda Items:

Approval of Aquarian Community Survey to be sent out for comment 11/18-12/1.

Sign in

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Name

May Gooch

Lucas Suttman

Hope McClurg

RICH CROSSBY

Debra Brossi

Linda Sullard

Sarah Duffly

Joey L. Esli

Vanessa

Greg Carr

Monday, October 6, 2014

Principal's Report

Student Climate/performance

- Student Team Meetings- A community member asked me to explain team meetings. We call them Student Service Team (SST) meetings. The school does meet weekly to brainstorm strategies for some children. This is a process that has been developing under my principalship. We do occasionally invite parents to the process. The classroom teacher notifies parents if students are going to be scheduled for a team meeting. We also ask that teachers communicate ideas and strategies back to the family.
- Parent Teacher Conferences- Conferences will start the week of October 20th. We will have a half day on the 22nd and no school on the 23rd and 24th.
- Explorations- We had a busy and productive first day of explorations. PTO has offered financial support and incentives for the explorations this year. We appreciate their support. The next Exploration Day is Tuesday, February 17th.

Projects/Committee Updates

- School Business Partners- Monica and Robert are in the process of ordering our inventory for the school store. Our business partner, Hillside Rotary, was instrumental in getting the display case. We appreciate PTO's support for the seed money to start the venture with our 6th graders.
- Technology- Kristin and Robert are piloting 12 Chrome books for the school. We are looking at them as a better alternative to the ipad. We are looking at expanding our portable technology this year in conjunction with teacher professional development. A small committee has been gathering a list of topics from professional development. ASD's educational technology department is sending two instructors to work with the staff for the rest of the year. The class will be differentiated for the staff depending on grade level.
- Language Arts- A small group of teachers is working on aligning and assisting the teachers in language arts. They just completed feedback from the teachers and are in the process of assessing the content during the second quarter. So far there have been no changes to the program or proposed changes to the charter. This is simply an internal process for the teachers to insure that we are meeting all student' needs.
- Tri-body Meeting- We had approximately 30 participants in the communication workshop on October 4th from 8:30-1:30. The PTO board, APC board, and teachers were all invited to attend. Mary, APC chair, Joey, and I drafted a summary for the newsletter. The workshop participants tasked an executive committee to develop a plan for getting feedback on our new resources. The plan will be shared with each board before going out to the community.

Staff

- We currently have filled 13 of the 15 TA positions. We have brought on two new TA positions this year. One will be helping differentiate instruction for our enrichment program and the other will be helping to differentiate instruction for the Special Education Program.

Facilities

- Building Audit- I've been working with ASD Facilities to complete the educational specifications for our building. I anticipate this process going out to bid early next week to speed up the process. Two criteria are needed to determine need for an ASD facility. The first is mechanical. A mechanical audit was done a few years ago. The second is an analysis of compliance with the educational specifications set by the State and ASD. We have never had an Ed Spec for our building. The Ed Specs are a valuable tool for ASD when considering capitol improvement projects for remodel, addition, and rebuild scenarios.
- Lunch Tables- Our new lunch tables are being shipped this week. 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 cameras are installed and operational. The last stage is a door upgrade for the front entrance.

Budget

- The budget department does not need our budget for next year at this time. We will wait for further guidance before drafting next year's budget.
- The money set aside for technology is being spent this month. We are going to use two instructors to differentiate a course for the teachers. The teachers can apply the professional development time to one UAA course credit. In addition, the teachers will get addenda for ongoing workshop support from the instructors. As part of the professional development we are expanding the number of mobile devices for the school. We are moving toward two carts of Chrome Books and one cart of ipads.

Other

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