

Aquarian Charter School
Academic Policy Committee
Meeting Minutes
3/26/18

Members:

Sarah Fineman
Jess Malone
Meghan Steenburgh
Carrie Connaker
Robin Reich
Greg Carr
Mollie Harings
Nicole Thibodeau
Lynda Van Winkle

Nonvoting Members:

Lucas Saltzman

Visitor:

Mera Matthews

Meeting called to order at 5:49 PM.

Mollie Harings motioned to approve February meeting minutes. Carrie Connaker seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Principal's Report:

May 1st at 6:30 at Polaris – showing the movie Most Likely to Succeed. The plan is to also show the movie again in the fall.

Student Climate/performance – Our state testing window for 3rd-6th grade has opened. The test is computer based. Each class is scheduled 10:00-noon three-four mornings. MAP and AIMS web testing, our district assessment, is scheduled for late April and May.

Projects/Committee Updates – Online portfolio- Let Lucas know if you are interested in helping craft a follow up survey to the community. It was determined that the Survey Committee will take on this survey.

Staff – We have one teacher opening this year. Our 4th grade teacher, Linda Julliard, is retiring. This may create some movement among the staff. We'll be interviewing for the position as early as next week. Student intent-to-return packets will go out after Elementary Teacher staffing is completed.

PTO is looking into paving for the playground.

Budget- A couple of programs are up for renewal. Our intermediate online reading subscription for ReadingPlus is up for renewal. A 36-month contract is \$5,500.00. A renewal of Saxon math is \$50,000.

Treasurer's Report:

Sitting around 75% spent.

Saxon math is aging. Cost would be \$50,000, but only \$39,000 would be new cost, because we already pay the remainder annually. We have \$170,000 in the teaching supply bucket we could utilize to do a refresh.

Activity Fee – balance is \$111,000.

Teachers Report:

Teachers were sent out a survey regarding Saxton refresh – 14 responded. Only one said no to the refresh.

Science fair went great.

Committee Updates:

Long Range Planning: 3/2 meeting talked about the condition report and the welfare of this facility. We are going to hold off on expansion at this time (like a gym). Lucas will send out the lease agreement to APC members and the 2009 facility report. Lucas will get a bid on mechanical.

Curriculum: Lynda VanWinkle motioned to approve \$50,000 for an update to the Saxton Math program from the teaching supplies budget. Robin Reich seconded the motion. Discussion pursued and it was determined that more information was needed before a decision could be made. Lucas will find out how current Saxton math books need to be replaced and the costs for refurbished books. Nicole Thibodeau moved to postpone the motion to make a decision. Sarah Fineman seconded the motion and everyone was in favor.

Bylaws and Charter: They need to schedule a work session possible the week of the 9th. Probably need a good two hours.

Legislative: Nothing to report.

Communication: Nothing to report.

Survey and Evals: APC survey will be resent due to low participation.

During the next APC meeting we will have to go into executive session to discuss Lucas's renewal.

Robin Reich motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 PM. Greg Carr seconded the motion and all were in favor.