

Aquarian Charter School
Academic Policy Committee
Meeting Minutes
Feb 9th 2015

*Mark M. [unclear]
Chair*
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Joyce E. [unclear]

Members:

Mary Goolie
Greg Carr
Simone Sanders
Joey Eski
Linda Julliard
Sarah Duffy
Rich Crosby

Non Voting Members

Lucas Saltzman
Vani Srinivasan

Visitors:

No comments from visitors

Call meeting to order @ 5:49 pm

Minutes for Jan 2015 reviewed and approved

Principal Report – See attached

Highlights to the report

Student behavior during the month of Feb is up
Testing 4 – 6 is being State regulated. SBA testing will be done online this year
School's bandwidth has been tested and passed
Tech Committee meeting to see how we want to implement Tech 2015/16 year
Grant money will be available for 1 elementary 1 middle and 1 high school to pilot a tech program
Ed specs were discussed a very, very rough draft was reviewed at the APC meeting.
The visual was to show current environment vs a standard neighborhood school

Accounting – Simone

Reviewed prelim budget for FY 15/16

It was suggested that we begin showing prior year budget verse current year so board can begin trending how and where monies are allocated and used

PTO Report –

SSS – March 4th

This is the ski / skate / snowshoe – a thon – fund raiser

Teacher Rep - Linda

Science Fair – week after Spring Break

Entry forms due by month end

Treasure books are in progress

Testing is on the horizon

Explorations – Week of Feb 17th

Broom Ball Fridays on the ice rink

TA Update – N/A

Committee update/old/new

Legislative Update – Megan and Joey attending meeting in Juneau. They are meeting 02/09/15 to discuss panels

Long Term Planning – met with brain spaces

Curriculum Committee – working on curriculum mapping.

APC Board Evaluation (Currently in Drafting Stage)

It will be a piece to be completed. It is designed to self reflect as individual members and as a board.

To be discussed March 16th

Results will be brought to the meeting

We will evaluate what we do as individuals and what APC does.

APC elections scheduled for March 3

APC to revisit meeting format

Meeting adjourned 7:10 pm

Next meeting –March 16th 2015 @ 5:45pm

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Meeting Agenda

Meeting Information

Date: Monday, February 9, 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. Principal Report
5. Accounting Report
6. Other reports:
 - PTO Update
 - Teacher Representative
 - TA Representative
7. Committees Up-dates / Old Business/ New business
 - Legislative Committee
 - Curriculum Committee / Curriculum Map Project
 - Long Term Planning Committee
 - APC Board Evaluation
 - APC Elections
 - Potential New APC Meeting Format
8. Adjourn Meeting

Next Meeting: Monday, March 16, 2015 5:45PM

Proposed topics: Elections Results and Vote for Officer Positions

Monday, February 2, 2015

Principal's Report

Student Climate/performance

- Feb Events-
 - Spelling Bee- 2/3/15, 8:45AM
 - Jump Rope 4 Heart- 2/6/15, 6:15PM
 - Babysitting Night- 2/13/15, 6:00PM
 - Exploration- 2/17/15
 - Parent Teacher Conferences- 2/19-2/20
- 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.
- A statewide Charter School Workshop has been scheduled for February 22nd and 23rd in Juneau. I plan to attend and a few parents/APC members are also interested.

Staff

- We are currently hiring for one Special Education TA.

Facilities

- Kiln- Jae Shin is working on the gazebo design. The kiln has been ordered. Electrical is working on the wiring.
- Front Entry- We are waiting on final electrical and a working intercom.
- Educational Specification Project- Amy Yurko, Brainspaces, did a site visit last week and gathered information from the teachers, students, and families about our program. She will draft an Educational Specification for our program based on the feedback from our community. The Ed Spec is a rough template that can then be applied to any facility to look for efficiencies.
- Lunch Tables- Project got rebid. The current scenario is Spring Break.

Budget

- The approved 2015-16 budget has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget.

Other

Technology Spending

- Chromebook Carts w/licensing- \$21,462.58
- Kenwood Radios- \$1,295
- Laptops (7)- \$7,476
- Ipads and cart – \$11,599.77
- Professional Development for teachers - \$7,500

Suggested additions to Tech Spending

- 4 Interactive Projectors (One for lab and three for classrooms)- \$8,500
- C8science licenses (50 seats) – \$1,500

Facilities Spending

- I'm working on a bid to complete our Educational Specifications. The school has a mechanical evaluation but no Ed Spec. The Ed Spec is needed for future consideration in capitol improvement projects and bonding. The anticipated cost is \$10K.

Curriculum Spending

- No spending has occurred at this time.

