

Aquarian Charter School
Academic Policy Committee

Meeting Minutes

~~October 20th, 2014~~

Nov 17

Members:

Mary Goolie
Greg Carr
Hope McClury
Joey Eski
Linda Julliard
Robin Brosius
Melissa Lipinski

+ Simone
Sandere

Joey Eski, v. chair

Non Voting Members

Lucas Saltzman
Vani Srinivasan

Visitors:

None

Call meeting to order @ 5:50 pm

Minutes for Oct 2014 reviewed and approved

Aquarian Survey Report

Committee got together and worked on the following: (recommended process)

- wording and communication
- survey presentation to be clean and simple
- focused on 3 areas: (1) facilities (2) staffing (3) curriculum
- teachers to engage in conversations with kids (likes of Aquarian)
- teachers to compose 3 ideas from classroom
- survey to parents
- relay findings back to students

Final version of survey to go home on the 26th and be returned no later than Dec 10th.

We spent a great deal of time to edit draft and focused on being simple and clear

Accounting – Simone (see Principal Report – budget area)

Reviewed budget – still drafting. Hoping to have a finalized version available on Dec APC meeting

Currently looking for ways to allocate resources

Looking to set aside funds for computer lab as part of refresh.

Have set money aside for rent specific to be used to fund the Kiln. There was a motion to pass this initiative and it was approved.

Principal Report –Lucas Saltzman (see attached report)

Highlighted suggested spending for 4 interactive projectors C8science license. Collectively the proposed cost was 10k. We motioned to approve the funding and motion was approved

PTO Report - position vacant

TA Rep – Hope

We are at full capacity with TA's
Currently updating TAs

Teacher Rep - Linda and Robin

Musical – Thurs Dec 20th
Working on Tech items

Committee update/old/new

Legislative Update – brief rundown on leasing issues – Aquarian not impacted
APC's looking to get together and speak to ASD about bringing on a Charter
School Liaison.

Long Term Planning – N/A

Curriculum Committee – working on curriculum mapping.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 pm

Next meeting –Dec. 15th, 2014 @ 5:45pm

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Meeting Agenda

Meeting Information

Date: Monday, November 17, 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. Review Aquarian Community Survey for further edits
5. Accounting Report –Budget Updates ✓
6. Principal Report
 - Math Placement
7. Other reports:
 - PTO Highlights
 - Teacher Representative
 - TA Representative
8. Committees Up-dates / Old Business/ New business
 - Legislative/School Board update
 - Long Term Planning Committee
 - Curriculum Committee
 - Administrative Committee – Gathering Aquarian Community input in addition to the survey
9. Adjourn Meeting

Next Meeting: Monday, December 15, 2014 5:45PM

Proposed Agenda Items:

Review results of Aquarian Community Survey

Monday, November 17, 2014

Principal's Report

Student Climate/performance

- Winter Events-
 - Musical- Performance at Romig 6:30PM
 - Choir Tour- December 11th from 9-2:30 at various locations around town
 - Winter Band/Orchestra/Guitar Concert- December 17th 6:30PM and December 18th 10:00

Projects/Committee Updates

- Language Arts – A small committee of teachers is in the process of evaluating our language arts curriculum. This includes a look at our reading, spelling, and writing programs.

Staff

- We currently fully staffed. All TA positions have been filled at this time.

Facilities

- Security Cameras- We completed focusing and alignment of our cameras and they are all recording. There are 15 total cameras positioned around the building.

Budget

- Next year's budget is still in draft. It is the first time we have had an opportunity to draft a real budget. We are filling a number of accounts for the first time. The following accounts and amounts are going to be in the budget for the first time:
 - Teacher Laptop upgrades (three year cost and a rolling upgrade)- \$7K
 - Professional development for staff and principal- \$15K
 - Classroom furniture upgrades (five classrooms a year for three years)- \$20K
 - Increase in sub time for professional development- \$4K
 - Field Trip and Bus costs for children- \$12K

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.