



AURORA ACADEMIC CHARTER SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

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Secondary School Council
Wednesday, October 9, 2024
6:30-7:30 pm

<https://meet.google.com/zgz-zjvf-stg>

(please use a gmail account or your student's school account to log on)

Ms. Dunford called the meeting to order at 6:33

Attendees:

Ms. Harman

Hasita (student)

Lori Dunford - co-chair

Ron Seto - parent

Yukie Seto - parent

Veena Chandran - parent

Siva Prasad Balaraju - parent

Ms. Tomkow - teacher representative

Mrs. Landshoff - teacher representative

Salima Ebrahim - parent

Binoy Prabhu - parent

Dr. Gill (co-chair)

Tejinder Bansal - parent

Otega Erhurun - parent

1. Land Acknowledgement and Purpose of School Council - Ms. Harman
 - o The purpose of the meeting is to deal with issues that concern the school community as a whole. If you would like to discuss issues specific to your child, such as your bus stop or an issue with a teacher, please make an appointment to speak directly with the Principal

- Members must adhere to the code of conduct to model respect and empathy to all members of the school community. The Chair may impose time limits.
 - To have a meeting, there must be enough parents for quorum and the Principal must be in attendance, otherwise the meeting is adjourned and no motions or business may be carried out. Quorum is a minimum of 3 parents/guardians of Secondary School students and/or the designated voting student representative
 - All parents/guardians of students in the high school have a vote and the right to propose items for the agenda
 - The Student Council Representative has a vote on behalf of all students; other students may attend but are not allowed to vote
2. Call to Order and Introductions - Mrs. Dunford
 3. Teacher Representative (Mrs. Tomkow) will record minutes of motions. The meeting will be recorded to help verify the minutes.
 - Student Representative from Student Council (Hasita B.)
 - Parents
 4. Motion to Approve Agenda - Mrs. Dunford
 - Motioned by: Salima Ebrahim
 - Seconded: Siva Prasad Balaraju
 - Any changes: none
 5. Motion for Approval of the Minutes - Mrs. Dunford
 - Motioned by: Mrs. Dunford
 - Seconded: Hasita
 6. Principal's Report - Ms. Harman
 - a. Offer to remind people of meetings
 - b. Notes sent home bi-weekly (coordinated with primary school)
 - c. 8 students have been accepted to University of Alberta so far
 - d. Post-secondary recruiters have come to work with grade 11-12 students and will continue to visit
 - e. Grade 11 students will receive one-on-one coaching on applying to post-secondary
 - f. Grades 8&9 students have Career Choices as an option
 - g. Gym is open after having been renovated, new phys.ed. Equipment purchased
 - h. Boilers have been repaired
 - i. Library upgraded and opened this week

- j. Three teachers are AP certified
 - k. More options for grades 8&9 students: 4 options are available this year for each student
 - l. Received grant to offer 14 new dual-credit courses from University of Lethbridge
 - m. PAT results from last year are some of the best in the province
 - n. School is completely full
 - o. Parents can donate to the school and designate where they would like it spent and will receive tax credits
 - p. Chinese school uses the school on weekends
 - q. Post-Secondary scholarships are listed online
 - r. February: scholarship night for families
 - s. Incoming students are being tracked to see how their grades have improved since coming to Aurora
 - t. Insuring that assessments are consistent with other districts
 - u. Jr. and Sr. high sports team
 - v. Corn maze in Sept was a success
 - w. Graduation will be June 26, 2025
 - x. Principal's report to be emailed to parents
7. Questions for the Principal - open to the floor
- questions/feedback cannot be student or teacher-specific
 - Asking about tutoring: Sr. high students may have the option of offering tutoring to younger students
 - University student to tutor sr. high students
 - Possibility of parent volunteers to be considered
 - Math and Science tutoring offered at lunch to grade 8&9 students
 - Solaro accounts are available to students
 - Asking about new school: grades to be determined, construction is underway
8. Student Council Report - Hasita B
- Podcast for Student Council
 - Student Council shared favourite books
 - Running school canteen on weds
 - Planning for remembrance day
9. School Council Engagement Grant - Dr. Gill or Mrs. Dunford
- • workshops for parents to increase capacity for school council members;

- • information sessions on how parents can support student learning at home and at school;
 - • parent resources and workshops on important topics such as, mental health and well-being, cyber bullying, healthy living, etc.;
 - • programs to support multi-cultural and Indigenous families including, English language learners and First Nations, Métis and Inuit learners;
 - • parent resources and tools in multiple languages;
 - • events to engage parents on important local issues;
 - • conference fees;
 - • parent engagement in promoting the value of arts;
 - • trainer/facilitator costs for the professional development, workshops or sessions associated with the above.

 - 7. Examples of non-allowable expenses include:
 - i. • entertainment costs, meals, snacks, other food;
 - ii. • no capital asset purchases;
 - iii. • activities that have already taken place;
 - iv. • organization memberships;
 - v. • fundraising events;
 - vi. • prizes or incentives to parents and/or students;
 - vii. • payment to school board staff including honoraria, gifts;
 - viii. • entertainment activities such as barbeques, volunteer teas, movie nights, dances,
 - ix. concerts or performances, etc.
 - Motion to use 2023/24 \$500 School Council Enhancement Grant for...Parent engagement about cyberbullying/online-safety
 - i. Motioned by Mrs. Dunford
 - ii. Seconded: Veena Chandran
 - iii. Subcommittee: Lori Dunford, Binoy Prabhu, Dr. Gill, Yuki Seto
 - Motion to use 2024/25 \$500 School Council Enhancement Grant for...Parent engagement about healthy eating and body image
 - i. Motioned by Mrs. Dunford
 - ii. Seconded: Veena Chandran
10. Executive position election - Ms. Harman
- All Executive Committee positions must be filled by parents of current Aurora Charter Secondary School students;

- Every parent is eligible to be elected to an Executive Committee position on the School Council;
 - The terms of office are from the Annual General Meeting to the following Annual General Meeting.
 - The Executive Committee of the School Council will be elected by parents attending the Annual General Meeting or will be appointed at a School Council meeting;
 - The Executive Committee, through the Chairperson and in consultation with the principal, will provide the agenda for all meetings and circulate the minutes of the same;
 - The Executive Committee will carry out the day-to-day operation of the School Council.
11. Executive Position Call for Nominations from the Floor - Ms. Harman
- **Chairperson - Dr. Gill & Mrs. Dunford** co-chairs elected by acclamation
 - Chair all meetings of the School Council;
 - i. Coordinate with the principals to establish meeting agendas;
 - ii. Communicate with the principals on a regular basis;
 - iii. Call regular School Council meetings;
 - iv. Decide all matters relating to rules of order at the meetings;
 - v. Follow existing School Council Bylaws;
 - vi. Ensure that minutes are recorded and maintained;
 - vii. Have general supervision of all activities of the School Council;
 - viii. Be the official spokesperson of the School Council;
 - ix. Ensure there is regular communication with the school community, beyond those who attend meetings;
 - x. Stay informed about school board policy that impacts School Council;
 - xi. Submit an annual report in conformance with the Regulations.
 - AFS needs a Treasurer - meeting Oct 24 at 6:30 p.m.
 - i.

12. Next Meeting Date December 4 at 6:30pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:46

