



AURORA ACADEMIC CHARTER

SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNCIL

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Secondary School Council

Wednesday, Dec 4, 2024

6:30-7:30 pm

<https://meet.google.com/ogb-vtay-oxx>

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

Ms. Dunford and Dr. Gill - co-chairs

Attendees:

Ms. Harman - Principal

Nandika S. - School Council voting representative

Mrs. Tomkow - Teacher representative

Important Dates:

- Dec 6: Junior High Speech Regionals hosted by Aurora
- Dec 11: Grade 9 Parent/Family Night
- Dec 18: Field Trip day
- Dec 19-Jan 6: School Closed
- Jan 16: New Parent Information Night
- Jan 24: Science Fair - parents invited
- Jan 28 - Start of Term 2 (new classes g 10-12; new options g 8/9)
- Jan 31 Report Cards
- Feb 6: Honour Roll 2:00 (in-person)

1. Land Acknowledgement and Purpose of School Council - Ms. Harman
 - 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 - Dr. Gill
 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 Nandika S.
 - Parents
 4. Motion to Approve Agenda - Dr. Gill
 - Motioned by:
 - Seconded:
 - Any changes: none
 5. Motion for Approval of the Minutes - Dr. Gill
 - Motioned by:
 - Seconded:
 6. Principal's Report - Ms. Harman
 - a. University & Academic
 - i. 18 students have been accepted to multiple universities so far
 - ii. University Fair for 15 institutions
 - iii. Grade 11 & 12 students all finished one-on-one coaching; moving to grade 10 students in new year
 - iv. Dual Credit students
 - v. Lunch tutoring in math, science, and English; after school tutoring in g 10-12 math and physics
 - vi. Library open at lunch every day and after school for an hour every day for quiet studying or tutoring
 - b. Extracurriculars

- i. Basketball leagues are starting: Jr and Sr High
 - ii. Open gym after school every day
 - iii. Improv Club signed up for drama tournament
 - iv. Speech & Debate sending 10 students to Regionals
 - 1. Won 10 medals so far this year
 - v. Apega Science Olympics teams in full swing
 - vi. Library club recommending books and decorating
 - vii. Music club getting started
 - viii. Leadership fundraising for Ben Stetler Foundation
 - ix. Bake Sales for Foods program
 - x. Lunch Canteen
 - xi. Grade 9 Trip to Red Deer in October - huge success
- c. Building / Programming Upgrades
- i. Professional glass basketball hoops in gym and new scoreboard coming
 - ii. New outdoor basketball hoop
 - iii. \$2000 worth of new books in library
 - iv. \$2500 on Science equipment and specimens
 - v. \$10,000 on new photography equipment
 - vi. New clocks in hallways to help with tardiness
 - vii. \$4000 toward new music program!
 - 1. Bought a piano and 3 guitars
- d. Funding - looking for donations before tax season
- i. Parents can donate to the school and designate where they would like it spent and will receive tax credits
 - ii. Received \$60,000 in furniture from Investor's Group to equip Skyrattler campus
- e. Registration for next year
- i. Skyrattler: grades 5-7
 - ii. Waitlist for grades 8-12 has grown 150% - if have friends, need to get on list now
 - 1. Adding extra class of grade 8 & sprinkle to other grades
 - iii. G 9 parent evening - preparing for PATs and High School
 - 1. December 11
 - iv. Current families have priority - February re-registration
 - 1. If enroll in 2 schools, have until May to make up your mind

- v. New family Information Nights begin January
 - 1. Assessments for new students starts Jan 29
- 7. Questions for the Principal - open to the floor
- 8. Student Council Report - Nandika S.
- 9. Extended Absences Question - Dr. Gill
- 10. Volunteers for Fundraising Committee - Mrs. Dunford
- 11. School Council Engagement Grant -Mrs. Dunford

\$500 School Council Enhancement Grant for...Parent engagement about cyberbullying/online-safety

- o Subcommittee: Lori Dunford, Binoy Prabhu, Dr. Gill, Yuki Seto
- o Set date:
- o Use \$500 for:
 - i. Motion by:
 - ii. Seconded by:

\$500 School Council Enhancement Grant for...Parent engagement about healthy eating and body image

- o 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 for Meeting to adjourn:

Meeting adjourned: