

Aquarian Charter School
PTO Board Minutes
May 6, 2019
Location: Aquarian Library

1. **Call to Order:** 5:38 p.m.

Attendees: Amy Newman, Jennifer Snodgrass, Carrie Connaker, Olympia Machuga, Lucas Saltzman, Sarah Boice, Christina Rankin

2. **Reading of Minutes**

Motion: Olympia moved to approve the April minutes. Christina. Seconded.

Amy noted one change to be made, changing 'Home' to 'Homer' in Principal's Report re: 6th grade field trip.

Minutes approved unanimously.

3. **Funding Requests.** None.

4. **Officers and Committee Reports**

A. Principal's Report.

- i. 6th grader working on updating Aquarian four behavioral expectations
- ii. PEAKS testing complete, MAP/AIMSWeb testing for younger grades will be completed 5/10
- iii. Brittany Nerland working on report for APC board re: meaning of testing scores as part of her principal internship
- iv. Class placement forms due May 1, class lists will be posted after school ends.
- v. Will present rotating pull-out schedule to APC at May meeting
- vi. New 2nd/3rd grade teacher hired and has met current 2nd & 1st graders. Maggie Eisert, 2nd grade teacher from Ocean View Elementary
- vii. Three TA openings for next year
- viii. Unsure what Senate budget means re: cuts to school funding. Thinking \$30-\$40K, which is better than expected.
- ix. Things that will be going on next year:
 1. Phase 2 of the digital portfolio will be rolled out
 2. Exploring whether switch to looping grades
 3. Potentially looking at more experiments with class science fair projects
 4. Incorporating Fish Creek Park partnership into science curriculum

B. President's Report. Will discuss in old/new business.

C. Treasurer's Report.

- i. Emily absent, but checking/savings roughly \$45K each
- ii. Review of FY19 budget v. actual, question re: what falls under "Miscellaneous" revenue

D. APC Discussion. Teachers have been unhappy with Treasure Books and the final product. Will vote on Monday whether to continue it or move to something different. Eliminating it will require change to charter.

5. Old Business

A. April Family Movie/Game Night. Lucas reported that Marie thought it went well and liked the format.

6. New Business.

A. Science Family Night. Added to calendar for 2019-20 school year, will have different stations. Kids will have time to do 3 15-minute stations.

B. Magician. Sarah is bringing in a magician from Arizona for work, could have him do a presentation at school for only \$100.

C. Athon/Online Pledges. Used PledgeStar this week. Issues with inputting laps afterward, unsure if it's a PledgeStar issue or if it just got overlooked. Will look into other options.

D. Teacher Appreciation Week. Will have donuts & coffee. Lunch from Qdoba. Offer 15-minute chair massages. PTO will contribute \$500 to cover lunches.

7. Adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Newman

PTO Secretary