

Aquarian Charter School
PTO Board Minutes
February 5, 2018
Location: Aquarian Library

1. **Call to Order:** 5:36 p.m.

Attendees: Amy Newman, Christina Rankin, Marie Russell, Dean Syta, Lucas Saltzman, Emily Walker, Nadina Morris, Wendy Davis, Meghan Stapleton, Kathie Morgan, Michele Ming, Sharon Holland, Elain Gentner, Jessye Mehler

2. **Reading of Minutes**

Motion: Sharon moved to approve the December minutes. Christina seconded.

Minutes approved unanimously.

3. **Presentation:** Bri Keifer, Huddle AK

- a. Bri discussed [Huddle's proposal](#) for a playground redesign. Involves drafting of initial concept, working with students to highlight needs/desires, and final concept design for \$7,985. Entire cost of project depends on what ultimately decide to do.
- b. Discussion:
 - i. Nadina asked if playground subject to ASD bid process if the school pays v. PTO.
 - ii. Meg says after school activity fees aren't earmarked, APC could put those funds toward playground and pay for field trips, freeing up money
 - iii. Lucas thinks ASD risk management may still need to be involved regardless of who pays. Three year plan done in phases may be most realistic option.
 - iv. Goals: ADA accessible (surfacing and equipment), adding basketball courts, possibly extending surfacing.

Motion: Dean moved to approve up to \$8,000 for Huddle to create a concept plan for playground enhancement. Christina seconded. No objections.

Discussion regarding how much money PTO can afford to spend at this time, possibility of grants.

Dean moved to table his motion so the board can review finances, Huddle can provide updated proposal removing student discussion piece. No objections.

Motion tabled.

4. **Funding Requests.** Christin McInnis requested funds for a STEM Exploration, will be paid for out of STEM money.

5. Officer and Committee Reports

- a. Principal's Report.
 - i. Before/after school care program up and running. Full staff starts Monday, 2/12. 100% positive reports so far, has made its first loan payment back to PTO.
 - ii. Submitted approved budget ASD. Salaries/benefits to point of no reserve. Any BSA adjustment affects Aquarian as our primary source of funding. Any other ASD budget changes don't.
 - iii. Will hold community meeting 2/21 at noon to discuss digital portfolios.
- b. President's Report.
 - i. Teacher breakfast went smoothly. Parent who worked for catering company handled breakfast. Will need new parent to run breakfast in 2018.
 - ii. Winter Family Fun night scheduled for Friday, 2/16. Will have fire pits for s'mores, serving hot dogs and soup.
 - iii. Will be providing food for science fair judges.
- c. Treasurer's Report.

Checking account has roughly \$10,000, savings \$56,500.
- d. APC Discussion.
 - i. Made \$15K contribution to after school program
 - ii. Budget maintained services, deleted assistant principal.
 - iii. Strong savings for possible roof replacement.
 - iv. Sent out family survey on wants/desires.
 - v. Will discuss tech upgrades at next meeting. Chrome/iPad refresh requests. Just purchased 3-D printers.
 - vi. APC elections will be held end of February for four open seats.

6. Old Business

- A. Yearbook. Drafting party will be held Tuesday, 2/13 after school. E-mail any pictures to aquarianpto@gmail.com.

6. New Business. None

7. Adjourn. 6:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Amy Newman

PTO Secretary