

Austin O'Brien School Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

May 14, 2024

Chair: Yashica A.

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

Location: AOB Staff Room

Recorder: Alicia W.

Present: Yashica, Alicia, Michaela

AOB Staff: Susan Coates (Principal), Denis Fontaine, Mr. Haro

Parents:

Item:	Discussion:
1. Welcome/ Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting began @ 6:00 p.m. - Attendance taken and introductions completed
2. Prayer/Treaty 6 Acknowledgement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Coates
3. Approval of Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The agenda was approved as presented.
4. Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The minutes of March 5, 2024 meeting approved as presented.
5. Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None
6. New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None
7. Admin Update by Principal/updates by AOB Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Coates: - SAC meeting dates for next school year proposed (as contained in agenda), first meeting will happen in early Sept, 2024 as there are issues to be addressed in bylaws - Casino is October 31-Nov 1, 2024, it is organized by the school, just need volunteers - School hired someone to stay for 2 days to supervise the casino - Will be an open house the first Wednesday in March, 2025, SAC will have a table and be available to meet parents - All SAC meetings in agenda proposed to be in person, not online, can be adjusted if needed/conflicts arise - Staff changes: Mr. Haro and Mr. Fontaine, will be welcoming a new Assistant Principal in August, 2024 - Final exam schedule will be online soon - Some exams will be held in the gym

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ECSD changed its position so new windows/floors will not be installed as a result of financial considerations - Depleted capital reserves and funds deployed into instruction and the reserve capital is required - \$200,000 put towards new Foods Lab, new lights, lab had been the same since mid 80s (16 classes run out of that space) - Athletics: basketball, archery, badminton now finished, cross country, soccer, rugby, track and field ongoing, Athletic Banquet Scheduled June 13, 2024 at Mill Woods Golf Course - Graduation: 4 different celebrations: Spanish, Ukrainian and Braided Journeys Programs as well as the AOB Commencement June 4, 2024 and Banquet June 7, 2024 (Expo Centre) - 370 students in grade 12 and 340 expected to graduate, too many for the church, \$15 per commencement ticket, preschoolers free, fee is to make enough to cover the cost - Housekeeping: bring standards of student dress to parents (policy provided in SAC meeting materials), student voice included in meeting with trustees, general template created, minor adjustments to policy based on student input, was disparity between genders and consistent rules to be implemented to avoid issues, uncomfortable for staff to discuss clothing with students, best to have conversations discreetly and those are few and far between, students must wear AOB school shirt in PE, athletics - Fee Schedule included with SAC meeting materials: not usually increased more than 5% - Other topics: AOB Musical “Ghost” covered in variety of media outlets, AOB Athletics, Rugby in particular, getting increased attention due to achievements
8. Treasurer’s Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Casino \$56,615.29, General Account \$1890.42 (will decrease due to open house expenses) - Dr. Coates notes requests for AP awards for students, approved by SAC but needs AGLC approval, we will know the number of \$500 AP scholarships in July, Dr. Coates will email the SAC, school requires post secondary acceptance letter to disburse the financial award - Dr. Coates notes other requests – casino funds to reimburse AOB for \$36,051.31 for Chromebook expenses, also requests for science lab, fashion lab, football helmets and padding, SAC approves all requests made, AGLC will approve, receipts for these expenses to be submitted to SAC by late Sept/early Oct, 2024 - Other fundraising discussed as Casino funds have specific criteria, eg., Purdy’s, Sausage etc. to add to general account - Casino Update: Abi not present but Dr. Coates provided information <p>OTHER: transition discussed as new Chair will be needed as students of SAC members graduate, discuss possibility of Vice-Chair to assist with smooth transition/knowledge sharing – to be discussed at next meeting</p>
9. Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - September 24, 2024, 6:00 p.m. – AOB STAFF ROOM

10. Adjournment	- Meeting adjourned 6:50 p.m.