**AURORA BOREALIS CHARTER SCHOOL**

**ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**April 1, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.**

1. Welcome
   1. Call to Order
   2. Roll Call
      1. Present- Mrs. McDonald, Mr. Klien, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Jackman, Mr. Strait,

Mr. McCanna, Mr. Montague

* + 1. Absent- None
  1. Introduction of Guests: Ginni Delon, Jennifer Joanis
  2. Approval of Minutes for February 4, 2019
     1. Motion to approve: Mr. Montague, Second Mr. Gordon
  3. Any additions to the Agenda
     1. Motion to approve: Mr. Klein, Second: Mr. Gordon
  4. Approval of Agenda

Agenda:

1. SWEARING IN NEW MEMBER TO SEAT A:
   1. Motion to appoint Mrs. McDonald: Mr. Strait, Second: Mr. Klein
      1. Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No
2. PARENT COMMENTS: None
3. STAFF COMMENTS: None
4. EXECUTIVE SESSION (Policy if needed):
   1. Not Needed
5. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:
   1. 6 students on Academic Contract, 0 on behavior
   2. Lottery for 2019/2020 conducted on March 21 with Coghill Group, PC. Enrolling up to 24 students in grades 2-4.
   3. Wait lists are not as long as previously
   4. PEAK testing was conducted last week in grades 3-8. Make up next week.
   5. Due to budget uncertainties will not immediately post the open 6th grade position or possible secretary position.
6. FINANCIAL REPORT:
   1. Governor’s proposed budget cut would impact the state funding for ABCS in the amount of ~$400,000. Base student allocation would be down by ~$1000/student.
   2. Just a proposal but would greatly affect ABCS. Borough funding is not projected to affect ABCS budget.
   3. If the proposed funding passes would need to consider prioritizing ABCS programs due to the potential budget cuts.
   4. With 10% rollover we should have a good buffer for the first year of proposed budget cuts.
   5. District is looking at potentially not offering non-tenured teachers a contract by the end of the school year due to the budget proposal. ABCS currently has two non-tenured teachers.
7. BUILDING SECURITY:
   1. No new updates on ‘buzz in’ system.
8. APC ELECTIONS:
   1. Letters will be sent out for the two seats up for election.
      1. Elections scheduled for end of May.
   2. Also will need to appoint two seats for outgoing members (students leaving ABCS)
9. PARENT COMMENTS:
   1. Mrs. Joanis: Appreciate all the work done on the finances.
   2. Mrs. Joanis: Would like to consider including in policy: Teacher standards expectations regarding grades and returning of work on a timely manner, as well as curriculum/syllabus so that parents can expect what the students are learning and can supplement at home.
      1. Mr. McCanna: Has been working with teachers to move back to core teaching to ensure what is being taught year in/year out is the same. Has working on Math curriculum/syllabus and social studies
10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:
    1. Mr. Strait: Latin program at ABCS has helped past students test really well on ACT’s
    2. Mr. Gordon: Thanks Mr. McCanna for all the work on the finances.
    3. Mr. Montague: Thanks Mr. McCanna for looking ahead and projecting with the potential Governor’s budget cuts.
    4. Mr. Klein: Thanks Mr. McCanna for the work on the budget.
    5. Mrs. McDonald: Gaining a lot of understanding of roles of APC and budget issues.
    6. Mr. Jackman: Welcomes Mrs. McDonald to the APC and thanks Mr. McCanna and Mrs. McDonald for attending the district charter work session.
11. NEXT MEETING DATE: May 7, 17:30
12. ADJOURNMENT: Motion: Mr. Klein, Second: Mr. Gordon