

**Aurora Middle School**  
**School Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Tues February 3rd, 2014 – 6:30p.m.**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

Present : Angele Kaufman, Lynn Woodruff, Joanne Meyer, Lucie Theroux Kim Nashim, Sameer Abougoushe

**2. Business Arising From the Minutes**

- *Brain storming ideas for parent involvement for 2016 Casino*
- *Letter sent out to teachers requesting parents' names to help improve the parent involvement in the school*  
(Both tabled to be discussed at next meeting in March)

**3. Additions To the Agenda**

- Kids are Worth it

**4. Dealing with Bullying-** School wide focus..

Dare To Care program. (Dwayne Peace was recently at JAWS to do a presentation to the Gr 9 students.) It provides information and strategies/coping skills through an all-day interactive program. They have a one-day session called "TAKE THE TIME," geared toward middle school students that actively addresses bullying and teaches the students how to deal with it, thus leading to "A Great Middle School Experience" for all.

Information discussed – 1) Prices (and how it may be paid for) 2) Which grade levels may be able to have large and small group presentation. More information will be asked of Dwayne and discussed with Admin.

Prices discussed - for two days the fee would be \$1,500.00 for session fee, \$400.00 for the parent session, \$30.00 for the travel day and \$60.00 per day for each day of work (\$120.00), mileage is roughly as you have calculated and will be half of that if I can get a date with Plamondon during the same time. accommodations is accurate, whatever Ramada charges me. The total is roughly \$2,600.00 for two days, a parent session BUT does not include the Ramada

\*\* Up until this year – funds for guest speakers and special presentations were made available from a "Wellness" grant – which is no longer existing.

**5. Parent Teacher Interviews**

- 1) Good time to collect Parent thought on School topics - drop completed passport into the draw box. . We can use as many questions as you wish.(8?) The questions can be school related, division based or provincial. eg. AISI project, about the environment of the school, to provide suggestions/ opinions .
- Was discussed that a small Question sheet could be given to parents – and filled out while they wait in the gym (older grades) and dropped off in a box. Will discuss further next meeting.

**6. School Reports**

**a) Principal Report**

Thursday is also the day that our new Superintendent Rick Cusson is visiting Aurora for a 2 hour visit.

**b) Grade Level Reports**

- a. Gr. 4
- b. Gr. 5 – Classes will be participating in a Winter Fun day at Churchill – end of Feb
- c. Gr.6
- d. Gr. 7 - Ski trips have been planned for each class

**e. Gr. 8**

**c) Extracurricular** (Team sports, Choir, Student's Union)

- 1) **Bread, Tea and Stories day** on February 20<sup>th</sup>. The afternoon is intended to be a celebration of cultures in our area as well as an opportunity to have our older students mentor our younger students. In a nutshell, we will have a variety of breads from different cultures, tea, and different story tellers from a variety of different cultural groups in the area. Students will have the opportunity to sample bread and tea and visit 2 story tellers. Older students will be partnered up with younger students for the afternoon. The FNMI committee will take care of all of the arrangements but please plan that all of our students will participate in the activity for the bulk of the afternoon on February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) Thursday February 5<sup>th</sup> is **Winter Walk day**. Goal - to get everyone outside for a 15 to 30 minute walk that day.
- 3) Basketball tournament – Feb 7<sup>th</sup>
- 4) \*\* Masquerade plans in the works for the school..

**7. Idea for Fundraising request** – Attached to this agenda is a form that could be filled out for those requesting funds for a project – field trip, etc. These could be kept on file for future Parent committees to look through. Thanks Stacey for sharing this idea!

**8. Board Info-**

**Nominate a deserving group or individual in your school community.**

The Alberta School Councils' Association (ASCA) 2015 Awards of Recognition

- School Council Merit
- Excellence in Learning Partnerships
- Parent of Distinction

download AWARD NOMINATION FORMS – on [www.albertacouncils.ca](http://www.albertacouncils.ca)

- All nominees will be recognized with a certificate and public postings (including potential photos).

Recipients will be announced at the ASCA Annual Conference. Award presentations will take place in the school community.

**9. Kids are Worth It** - Sandwiches were made available for students with no lunch – some time 2 – 10 required. (Until recently – from Mirosols – who was reimbursed for expenses. The Festival of Trees donated 2/3 of their collected funds for food donations of \$6660. Mr. Abougoushe will be a member of the Kids are Worth it committee. They will now supply snacks and lunches to those who need.

**10. Your Turn - What do you see as being a “positive” in the school**

**11. Upcoming Meetings: Tues March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015**

**12. Meeting adjourned at** \_\_7:50 pm\_\_

# FUNDING PROPOSAL

## AURORA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Name of class/program asking for funding:

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Project that requires funding:

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Funding required:

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Details of finances involved :

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\*please include break down of monies required

Relevance of the proposed project which funding is required:

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Approved:

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Not Approved:

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Additional Information

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