

# AAS BOARD

## SY 2019-2020

### Board Meeting Briefs

**The list below is the highlights of discussions and the Board decisions made at the meeting.**

**Date:** December 06, 2019, AAS Community Room (8:30 am to 12:00 noon)

**In Attendance:** AAS Board, AAS Faculty Observer, School Director, DFO

#### **AGENDA AND MINUTES APPROVAL.** (Chair John Kushner)

- Agenda was approved as presented
- Minutes of September 13 Board meeting were approved as presented
- Synopsys of November 01 Board Retreat was adopted on consensus subject to the agreed upon wording changes.

#### **PROFESSIONAL LEARNING** (Colin Wells, Andrew bell, Sonata Coulter, Rupa Bhattasali, Rhonda Norris)

- Four Board members and the School Director attended CEESA Board Governance training in October. The main takeaways were:
  - The workshop was a very high quality session.
  - AAS Board contrasts with many other schools as a highly professional and collegial group keeping the interests of students and community at the core.

#### **FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT** (Stephane Jobin).

- The Audit report for SY 2018-2019 was approved on consensus. The report was very positive with the management letter suggesting a few medium or low priority improvements, already attended to.
- School operational activities were shared.
- Completed Concept Innovation Master Plan on the Facility upgrade was presented. Assurances were shared that future actions will be incorporated with the school status transition and Board approval.

#### **PG COMMITTEE REPORT** (Julian Trill).

- Educational policies in Chapter 2 are under review including confirming the new School Vision.
- School Closure policies review is tabled until the new entity Charter is approved.
- Conversations on proactive action steps planned for the transfer from a diplomatic school to a non-diplomatic school were held.

#### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT** (Rhonda Norris).

- The Board confirmed its satisfaction with the school's academic progress as presented at the retreat.
- The Board was updated on the feedback from the Director's parent coffee.

#### **PTO REPORT** (Rupa Bhattasali).

- Appreciation was given to the entire community for participating in the Quiz night and donating time to organization and running the event
- Concerns shared about the volunteer pool shrinking resulting in the need to eliminate some PTO events
- A PTO Enhancement Grant was given to the ES Maker Space this fall.

#### **CLOSURE.**

Next meeting: January 31, 2020