

AAS BOARD

SY2020-2021

Board Meeting Briefs

Date: September 18, 2020

In Attendance: AAS Board, AAS Faculty observer, School Director, DFO, AAS Administrators. School Legal Counsel (guest)

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

Meeting Opening, Introductions, Minutes

Chair Crouch welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Board. New members introduced themselves to the Board. The Minutes of June 05 Board meeting were not discussed as those were earlier approved by-email.

AAS Status Change. Mr. Langer, AAS Legal Counsel, shared the status and some critical points of the school's transition to a NKO. Clarifications were provided. Strategies for communications to the community were discussed. There will be regular updates at every Board meeting.

The Board discussed critical issued for the moment in time.

- Staffing and Visas.
The School Director updated the Board that it is critical to expedite the transition to NKO to be able to offer employment contracts and non-diplomatic visas in 2021. Mrs. Norris asked the governing Embassies' representatives on the Board to continue to consider possible strategic approaches for support in teacher visas.
- AAS Calendar. Mrs. Norris shared that AAS does not have recommendations to revise the current School Calendar, but suggested that the first 14 days of school in January might be Distance Learning. The situation will be monitored with a possible communication going out to Parents in mid-October.
- The importance to have the Board retreat and to hold it in November 2020 was confirmed.

Board Action Items.

- The Board adopted on consensus its Path Forward for SY 2020-2021.
- The Board approved the AAS Organizational Chart for SY 2020-2021 on consensus.

PTO Report (Kristina Tadic, PTO President)

PTO is focusing its efforts on filling two vacancies on the slate and supporting parents through adjusting its events to the new virtual reality. PTO was commended on organization of its events thus far.

School Leadership Reports.

- The Elementary and the Secondary School Principals shared their reflections, both positive and challenging, on the school year start in the Hybrid learning environment. The Board shared appreciated for efforts of all in preparing for and teaching under new challenging and evolving circumstances.
- There were no questions to the Communications Director and the Admissions Director.

Board Committees Reports

- The Finance and Facilities Committee membership and Path Forward for the year were approved on consensus
- The Policy and Governance membership and Path Forward for the year were approved on consensus
Revised Policy 2.20 Meeting Our Mission (former policy 2.30 Academic Competence) was adopted on consensus.

Adjournment.

The Open session was closed at 10:50 am