

AAS BOARD

SY 2020-2021

Board Meeting Briefs

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

Date: December 11, 2020

In attendance: Board members, AAS Leadership, AAS Learning Coordinators, Faculty Observer, Board Secretary.

Meeting Opening, Introductions and Minutes:

- Board Chair Julia Crouch welcomed everyone to a webex meeting at 8:30 am.
- Mr. Tom Oppenheim, new UK Embassy alternate Board member was introduced to the Board.
- Minutes of the September 18th Board meeting were approved on consensus subject to minor identified revisions.

Board Professional Learning. New Board members Ms. Kristina Tadic and Mr. Haluk Aydinoglu shared their reflections from the two Board Governance workshops they attended earlier in the fall. They rated them as highly useful for team building and decision making processes and recommended such training to all Board members.

Board Committees Reports.

- The Board unanimously approved changes and adopted Policy 2.30 Academic Program Policy where a paragraph on the Languages at AAS was added to.
- The Board approved changes and unanimously adopted Policy 8.10 PTO Policy.
- The Board approved the Audit of AAS Financial statements in SY 2019-2020 on consensus.
- The Board approved the AAS IT and IS Audit on consensus.

PTO Report (Kristina Tadic)

- Ms. Tadic highlighted that the PTO was finally fully staffed.
- Informal recruitment of PTO offers for the next year started .
- Ms. Tadic updated the Board on the PTO Budget that would utilize reserve fund due to limited fundraising events this year.
- PTO has been adjusting events to the virtual platform, adding more virtual activities for parents in an effort to partially mitigate social challenges caused by COVID.
- Ms. Tadic shared the PTO plans for the future.

Meeting Our Mission (Academic Competence) Report (Kirsten Welbes, Sean Sonderman)

- The Board was unanimous that the School meets its Mission.
- Recent MAP test results and IB scores indicated no negative impact on student achievement because of the pandemic.
- Student IB results in May 2020 under the revised approach indicated consistent high results compared to previous years after the appeals process with IBO.
- AAS students are on par or slightly higher than CEESA schools and above US and other International schools both in MAP and IB results.

AAS Board Feedback Tool (Rhonda Norris)

The Board approved a community survey tool for an on-going opportunity to share feedback with the Board. This tool will be on shared in the Newsletter and permanently on the website.

Pandemic Risk Matrix

The Board reviewed and approved on consensus changes to the existing AAS Pandemic matrix consistent with the CDC matrix indicators.

NKO Update (Rhonda Norris, Julian Trail).

The Board was updated on the process of the school's transition to NKO status. The Board will have an ad-hoc transition committee and the NKO Board consisting of five current Board members and the School Director to monitor this process.