

Fireweed Academy Charter School

Academic Policy Committee

Approved Minutes

Dec 15, 2011 4:30pm

Members Present:, Kelly Behen, Kim Fine, Paula Kulhanek, Kristen Metz, Shawnisty Webber, Shannon McBride-Morin, Corrie Haigh,

Absent Members: Erica Marley

Guests: Kiki Abrahamson

Meeting called to order at 4:35

Motion made by Paula and seconded by Shannon to approve the agenda as amended and the November 2011 minutes. **Motion passes unanimously.**

Motion made by Paula and seconded by Kim to approve Shannon McBride to fill the parent representative seat. **Motion passes unanimously.** All APC seats are now filled.

Motion by Kim and seconded by Shawnisty to amend Kiki Abrahamson's contract to reflect an increase of 69.5 days, an increase of \$25,004.02. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a brief discussion regarding potential bylaw changes. A **motion** was made by Paula and seconded by Shawnisty to postpone bylaw discussion until the January meeting. **The motion passed unanimously.** The board members all agreed to study the proposals prior to the meeting.

Kiki's report and discussions:

Charter renewal: Kiki attended the board meeting and all three district charters were renewed.

Facilities: We will be getting one portable to help with our increase in numbers. The portable will go behind Kris Owen's room. Additionally, we will be permitted to bring 2nd graders over to the West Homer facility if need. During the winter break, one of the WHE lab rooms will be vacated and a patrician will be installed to allow for two rooms to be used for SPED/intensive needs and small social groups.

Staffing: Jon Kulhanek is now a full time teacher. Sue Seguela has been hired as .25 teacher for specials, project time and themes. This is 10hr/week position and she will be working Mondays through Thursdays. Amanda is now a full time SPED teacher.

Playground: None of the playground folks were able to attend out meeting. Kim said she will create a playground report-who, what, donors, etc and get back to the group. Kiki reported that Robert Archibald wants to see if the city will give FWA any recyclable material from the Karen Hornaday Park when that project begins. Kiki will talk with Walt Wrede about this.

Potential Bus Changes: Kiki and Shawnisty attended the busing meetings. The plan is to reduce the bus fleet by 5 buses. This will impact Fireweed families as they will no longer be able to ride as out-of-district students. School opening times may change. Some brainstorming produced possible solutions: before-school LA/Math groups instead of after school, potential early morning drop offs-teachers share this duty. There was general consensus that we will work hard to accommodate the parent needs. For now it is a wait and see situation.

FY13 Budget: Kiki briefly went through her propose budget.

Schedule Change: Kiki explained that after the winter break we may flip the school schedules so that the 3rd-6th grader have their core classes in the mornings rather than in the afternoons.

Meeting adjourned at 5:47 pm

Submitted by Janet Bowen