

Fireweed Academy

‘Where students learn to view themselves as readers, writers, and problem solvers’

APC Approved Minutes

4-11-12

Members Present: Shannon McBride, Kristin Metz, Paula Kulhanek, Erica Marley, Corrie Ellington, Shawnisty Webber, Garry Betley,

Absent: Kelly Behan, Kim Fine

Non Members Present: Janet Bowen, Mary Tricamo-Park, Kiki Abrahamson

Meeting began at 4:40pm.

Approval of agenda: Erica moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Paula. **Motion passed.**

Approval of March 2012 minutes: Paula moved to approve the March 6, 2012 minutes, seconded by Shannon. **Motion passed.**

Kiki passed out ‘Getting the 3 R’s - Right Half Truths about Whole Language by Alfie Kohn. Kiki presented her double Helix concept to illustrate our mission and core values. Shannon moved to table the discussion of mission and core values until the Kohn article could be read by everyone and Kim and Kelly could join in the discussion. Seconded by Erica, **motion passed.**

Enrollment/staffing/summer school

There was a conversation about enrollment and recruitment. Numbers are lower than anticipated for next fall. We will not need a portable. Kiki plans on retiring from teaching and will interview for the principal position. A new 5/6th LA teacher will be hired.

There was discussion about student options...having a k-2 and a 2-6 split. To help gather information on how this will work, Kiki has sent out the parent survey to the LFW parents, the survey will go out to the big Fireweed parents this week.

The district has approved our Summer School. Only current FWA students will be able to attend FWA summer school. It will be free with possible field trip fees. Kiki will be the principal and will hire teachers as census demands. There was discussion regarding how much work needed to be done to make this all happen (hiring, purchasing supplies, creating curriculum, etc). Erica made a motion to approve of the Fireweed Summer School, Paula seconded and **motion passes.** A motion was made by Paula that Kiki receive a per diem for working outside the instructional days on Saturdays beginning April 14-June 2nd, 2012 in preparation for the upcoming summer school. Seconded by Corrie, the **motion passed.**

Kiki gave an update about her trip to Juneau. The meetings were encouraging and all charters in the district were renewed for 5 years.

Kiki presented a budget overview in relation to her concern regarding low enrollment for FY13. She explained the new rule about rollover monies...not more than 10% of the budget can be rolled over to the next fiscal year-it can no longer be held in an equipment fund. Per district CFO Laurie Olsen, it looks like we need to spend \$109,000 prior to the end of the fiscal year. Some ideas were generated...prepay our lease on the little fireweed building, utilities, fuel, etc., build a shed for Little Fireweed. Kiki is arranging a summit for the teachers to work on report cards, mission, planning and small job-alikes in June.

A Motion was made by Paula to pay WHE Principal Ray Marshal a fee of \$300 for completing Kiki's annual evaluation. It was seconded by Shawnisty. There was a short discussion and the motion was amended to reflect a change in the amount to \$500. The **motion passed**.

Guest Mary Tricamo-Park discussed a Quilt auction that will be drawn on Valentine's Day next year. The quilt was designed and created by Elaine Grabowksi and the funds will benefit little fireweed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:11pm
Submitted by Janet Bowen