

Fireweed Academy

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

APC Approved Minutes
5-9-12

Present: Kristen Metz, Erica Marley, Shawnisty Webber, Kim Fine, Garry Betley, Kelly Behan, Paula Kulhanek

Non members present: Kiki Abrahamson, Janet Bowen

Absent: Corey Haigh, Shannon McBride

The APC meeting began at 4:35pm

Paula K moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Erica Marley. All approved.

Board Development discussion ensued. Talked about constructionist theory, possible realignment of themes with science and Social Studies standards with grade expectations in mind. Learner outcomes were discussed, specifically Self-reliance. Discussion regarding parents need to be educated on how and why our classrooms look like they do.

It was requested the 20 minutes be devoted at the next meeting to ‘what does discipline look like in the classroom’

Summer School: “Exploring our sense of place. So far there are 27 participants, 1 teacher, 1 aid, 1 secretary. May 30-June 1 will be planning days. Morning and afternoon sessions will be offered. The garden grant project will be part of this summer school experience.

Enrollment and staffing updates: Can’t post 5/6th position until the principal position is finalized. The goal is to keep the staffing as it is now. Edan will be our student teacher next year; will hire 3.5 title 1 position.

Funding: Dave Ritchie cannot take the full lease pmt. Prepay for fuel too complicated. Kiki is looking into the possible use of an escrow account. Garry asked if we could pre-pay health insurance.

April Minutes: Paula K moved to approve the May 9, 2012 minutes, Kelly B seconded, motion passed.

Parent Surveys and meetings at K-2: Discipline and structure at LFW are issues. Transitions are chaotic. Need to be addressed-talk to parents about what discipline looks

like at our school. Parents want to know about 2nd grade-where will it be? Discussion of possible change to core in the morning, themes in the afternoon.

Principal hire: There are 26 applicants, 4 are internal. Shawnisty has an email from Tim Peterson regarding guidelines. The process is that they cull the applicants, interviews happen, references are checked. The hiring committee is Mindy Hunter, Shawnisty Webber, Paula Kulhanek, Shannon McBride, Kim Fine. Shawnisty will call Tim to start the process. They will work on questions over the next week.

Meeting adjourned at 6:15pm.

Submitted by Janet Bowen