

Fireweed Academy

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

APC Approved Minutes
8-15-12

Present: Kristen Metz, Kim Fine, Kelly Behan, Paula Kulhanek (Joined at 5:10pm), Matt Strobel, Kathy Vogl, Pauli Iida (joined at 4:25pm)

Absent: Shawnisty Webber, Garry Betley

Non-members: Kiki Abrahamson, Janet Bowen, Leslie Mastick

Meeting began at 4pm

1. Kiki presented ‘Becoming a constructivist Teacher’

- Theme immersion vs. thematic teaching
- Posing problems of emerging relevance
- Seeking and valuing students point of view
- Adapting curriculum to address student supposition
- assessing learning in the context of teaching

Kiki will adapt evaluations to reflect constructivist skills and techniques. The school improvement plan will revolve around this as well.

2. Discussion of APC Bylaws-reviewed first paragraph of bylaws, role of president. Janet was asked to send current APC bylaws to all members. It was noted that the APC needs to clarify and restate the roles of the APC.

Enrollment: Kiki reported that we are short about 20 students.

AYP: Kiki reported that Fireweed has made AYP every year. Last year 94% of our students were proficient in language arts and 90% in math.

Staffing: Kiki reported that she hired Andrea Hackbarth as the new 5/6 LA-Social Studies teacher. She also interviewed for the part-time instructional aid but will not hire due to low enrollment. Kiki may cut the non-instructional aide position at the WHE Fireweed. Kristin Metz resigned as Little Fireweed custodian. Kristin said she will work till the position is filled.

Kiki reported that she continues to have no official office space. She has a desk in Mindy Hunters room but it is not private. She has a phone number 235-5749 but since there is no phone at her desk it is best to reach her on her cell. This is a less than ideal situation but not the highest of priorities at this time.

The APC discussed that according to charter school law, the ACP is responsible for the principal's evaluation. Kim and Kelly will research the evaluation form. Kim suggests they start with talking to other charter principals, including Larry Nauta (Aurora Borealis), Mo Sanders Soldotna Montessori) and Robin Dahlman (Kaleidoscope). Kiki passed out an Effective Leadership Evaluation System handout.

Outreach: Kristin will head up a committee on PR/outreach for Fireweed. Pauli Iida, Kathy Vogl and Leslie Mastic will help.

Kelly Behen left at 5:10pm

Paula Kulhanek will speak about the APC later tonight at the new parent meeting.

APC meetings will be held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 4:30 at Little Fireweed, 813 East End Rd.

Minutes: Kristin moved and Paula seconded to approve the 6-11-21 and 6-21-12 minutes. Motion passed with full consensus.

Meeting ended at 5:20pm
Submitted by Janet Bowen