

# Fireweed Academy

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

## APC **Approved** Minutes 9-26-12

Present: Kim Fine, Kelly Behen, Paula Kulhanek, Matt Strobel, Pauli Iida, Kristen Metz

Absent: Kathy Vogl, Garry Betley

Other Staff: None

Guests: Joey Kraszeski, and Jada and Herman Green

Meeting called to order at 4:35pm

Motion made by Paula and seconded by Kim to approve the agenda as amended. Motion passes unanimously.

### Parent Comments

\* Joey Kraszeski expressed interest and concerns on how parents liaison with the APC Board. Her questions included: “How does the APC work and what is its purpose?” “How are parents to contact APC members with their concerns?” There was a brief discussion regarding this. Motion made by Paula and seconded by Matt to mail an informational sheet about the APC and how to contact members to each family at the beginning of the school year annually and to keep this information posted on the Fireweed Academy webpage as well. Motion passed unanimously.

\* Jada and Herman Green spoke about two major points regarding the Fireweed Fall Campout:  
1) Concern about safety on field trips at Fireweed Academy  
2) Disappointment in the principal’s handling of the response after the incident at the campout. There was discussion about their concerns and the responsibility model of discipline used at Fireweed Academy was shared.

### Camp out Meeting Follow Up

Kim shared information about the meeting between the McBride-Morin’s and Kiki.

\* Discussion included having Kiki and the staff review and clarify protocols and roles of chaperones on field trips and to have some parent education and outreach around the Responsibility Model of Discipline embraced by Fireweed Academy.

\* An idea was brought forward to have outreach through speakers on compassionate, non-violent communication come to our community. Motion was made by Pauli and seconded by Kristen for the Outreach Committee to explore speakers and funding for a presentation to our community about compassionate communication. Motion passed unanimously.

### Open Seats on the APC

Discussion held about open seats on the APC.

\* Motion made by Kim and seconded by Paula. Janet will run ads in the local newspapers, radio station, and Fireweed newsletters that there are open seats on the APC, naming the seats available, for the next two weeks. Motion passes unanimously.

7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Expansion

Discussion held about 7th and 8th grade expansion being too much to take on right now.

Budget

\*Motion made by Kim and seconded by Paula to table budget discussion due to time constraints. Motion passes unanimously.

Motion made by Kim and seconded by Paula to adjourn. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18pm.