

Fireweed Academy
'Where students learn to view themselves as readers, writers, and problem solvers'
Academic Policy Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes
April 11, 2016

APC Members Present: Jon Kulhanek, Brandy McGee, Kary Brinson, Amber Niebuhr, Hannah Snow

Members absent: Garry Betley, Kate Henry, Crisi Matthews, Hannah Gustafson

Committee Members Present: none

Staff Present: Janet Bowen, Kim Fine, FWA teacher, Kiki Abrahamson, Principal,

Community Members Present: Joey Krazeski

Meeting called to order at 4:35

Public Comments: Joey told the APC she would like to be a member and was unable to stay today, as she was not feeling well.

Motion: Brandy moved to approve the agenda, Kary seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Jon moved to approve the April 2016 minutes, seconded by Brandy and the motion passed unanimously.

Administrators report: The School Board meeting was fabulous, Kiki took several kids and their structures projects with them and asked the board members to talk to the kids and had them use the rubric to interview the kids. Also show the earthquake movie that Jon and his kids made. Our students did a great job.

Budget Committee-Kiki talked about forward thinking in terms of staff cuts. We have dipped into the carry over by about \$30,000. If we hold the census for next year at 100, combined with staff cuts we should carry over the max amount next year.

Strategic planning reports:

Organizational Values-no meeting

One Campus Dream-no meeting

Strong Leadership-This group will work on the administrative evaluation from Rilke Schule and tweak it to fit our needs, with their permission. The committee hopes to have this completed by the next month. They will look at student/teacher/ school evaluations as well.

On the bus-no meeting but they plan to talk about this after the next staffing discussion and at the next early release.

Community relations: Janet reported that the PR DVD is progressing, as are plans for the Mayday Celebration. She hoped that that the APC would attend.

Motion: Amber moved to accept Hannah Gustafson's resignation from the APC, 2nded by Hannah Snow and the Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Motion: Amber moved to accept the appointment of Joey Krasezki to the APC to fill Hannah Gustafson's seat, seconded by Kary and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

Staffing FY17: The district SPED director prefers that we advertise for the .25 SPED position. Kiki reported that the negotiated agreement states that we must advertise the positions before contracting it out. She recommends 2 full time SPED aides, one at each school. Sheryl Sotelo is interested in the .25 SPED position if it is not filled through the advertising process. A teacher can be the case manager to the SPED Aides.

School Improvement Plan: Last year we focused on constructivism and Kiki would like to focus FY17 on Vertical Alignment.

MISC: Janet was asked to include an Executive session in the May APC meeting to discuss Kiki's Contract.

Kiki reported that our Late/Tardy policy in the FWA Handbook is cumbersome and unwieldy and would like to change the parameters.

Motion: Amber moved to direct Kiki to revise the policy and the parent letter and make changes to the handbook. Hannah seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Amber moved to adjourn at 5:44 pm, seconded by Brandy and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

The next APC meeting is Monday, May 9, 2016