

Fireweed Academy
'Where students learn to view themselves as readers, writers, and problem solvers'
Academic Policy Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes
April 7, 2015

APC Members Present: Jon Kulhanek, Hannah Gustafson, Stephanie Zuniga, Amber Niebuhr, Brandy McGee, Matt Strobel, Kary Brinson

Members absent: Kate Henry, Garry Betley

Committee Members Present:

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

Public Comments: None

Meeting called to order at 4:39 pm

Motion: Hannah moved to approve the agenda, Jon seconded and motion passed with unanimous consent.

Motion: Stephanie moved to approve the March 2015 minutes, seconded by Brandy and motion passed with unanimous consent.

Administrators Report: STEM Workshop was a huge success. Mo Wilkinson (involuntary transfer) has not said yes yet to the position, if she does, we have to accept her. Mo wants to be an interventionist-so does Betsy, but we will have freedom to move things around in the K-2.

We have been awarded a trimmer and a snow blower for Little Fireweed through the equipment fund.

Kiki has requested to speak at the charter oversight committee about getting an extension on our charter...to 10 years so that we can move forward with our facility plans. She forwarded Mark Fosters email to the DO regarding alternative mechanisms for FWA to bank the extra money rather than spend it.

KPAA negotiated agreement for administrators: Kiki has to follow this but does not receive any benefits-no insurance, PD grants, etc. Some administrators of charter schools don't have to abide by the salary steps. Kiki requested an extra days pay for the work she did with the STEMS project needs an extra day to complete staff evaluations. She reported that she has not yet been reimbursed for the Sunday in Juneau.

Motion: Stephanie moved to have Kiki Abrahamson son paid for the extra day she will work on Sunday, April 12, working on Administrative duties (evaluations and budget items), seconded by Kary Brinson, Motion passed unanimously.

Budget Committee: It was decided that these meetings will be advertised in the same fashion the regular APC meetings are advertised. The meetings will be on Mondays, 1 week prior to the regular APC meeting. Janet will send financial reports the week prior to the meeting. Kiki reported that the district will now conduct reconciliations for charter schools on a monthly basis rather than at the end of the fiscal year.

Core Values: Discussion postponed until Strategic Planning meeting.

Campus Consolidation: We cannot roll over more than 10% as that will affect the 10% that the district is allowed to roll over. Dave Jones suggested that we do start a 501 (c)(3) parent group which could then purchase land, possible next to LFW. It was decided this conversation should be happening in the Budget Committee meetings.

5:26pm Matt Strobel left the meeting.

Expenditures: needs to spend by June 30th, The March deadline was extended for us. How to spend the money... Technology, gravel for LFW parking lot, Summer School-enrichment program for current FWA kids only. Need to spend about \$60,000 and still will roll over \$141,000. Possible down payment on lot next to LFW.

Legislature: potential cuts to BSA-keep alert and aware of state budget outcomes.

Jon brought up the possibility of moving the PAC meetings to Monday nights...he has conflicting classes next fall. APC will discuss this as it gets closer to the fall.

Strategic Planning: May 1 in the afternoon and May second...Amber will get back to us on the times and location. Amber Kiki and Kate will meet with Susie Amundson to finalize plans. Janet will send email addresses to Suzie by April 17th. Janet will send out email to all families notifying them of the strategic planning event coming up to see who might be interested in participating.

MOTION: at 6:40 Hannah moved to adjourn, seconded by Brandy, motion passes with unanimous consent.

Minutes submitted by Janet Bowen