

Fireweed Academy

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

Academic Policy Committee Meeting

Approved Minutes

4-9-2014

APC Members Present: Kary Brinson, Matt Strobel, Jon Kulhanek, Hannah Gustafson, Amber Niebuhr, Kristen Metz, Heather Benz

Members absent: Stephanie Zuniga, Garry Betley

Committee Members Present:

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

Guests Present: none

Public Comments: None

Meeting called to order at 4:36 pm

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

Motion: Hannah moved to approve the March 2014 minutes as amended, seconded by Amber and motion passed with unanimous consent.

The order of the agenda we changed due to Kiki being in an IEP meeting. She joined later.

Administrators Report: postponed until Kiki comes

Attendance/Tardy: Hannah reported on her carpooling investigation. There is a free app called Kangadoo for iPhone and Androids that helps organize carpooling options. It can interface on the computer as well. Hannah will continue to look into this. To introduce the new attendance expectations, Heather would like us to start with required families meetings, in a potluck setting...perhaps 2 meetings, 1 at night and one over a weekend. In addition and separate from this issue, Matt suggested 2 parent-focused meetings at year....

APC training: Amber brought up APC training for the new folks. She was told about the Brain Carpenter training that former APC members Kelly Behan and Paula Kulhanek took. Amber took the books and CD's to look over. She will look into all of the APC members going through the training during the APC meetings, and will look at other training opportunities as well.

Kiki joined the meeting and talked to the APC about the end of the year Site Council report that is due June 1 to the district. Kiki used to do this and would like the APC to take this on. Janet found the new form and Kiki will email a couple past reports for the APC knows what kind of information to provide

Administrators Report: Kiki discussed the upcoming fieldtrips for 3-5th grades (Yukon Island) and 6th grade (Kenai National Refuge –Swanson River System with HoWL guides. She talked briefly about the upcoming promotion ceremony at little Fireweed and their Play.

Budget Committee: The committee is making progress. Laurie Olson answered many of Eric Niebuhr's questions. A budget transfer was completed, tidying things up and making the financial reports easier to understand. The budget shows \$202,000 unencumbered. The WHE shared expenses come out of this, Janet's contract needs to be extended to May 30th and perhaps there is money for a temp aide for little fireweed for the rest of the school year. Janet will ask Liz Hayes about the discrepancy in the LFW rent numbers. The next budget meeting will be announced.

Motion: Kary moved to adjourn the APC meeting at 6:15pm. Jon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Janet Bowen