

Fireweed Academy

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

Academic Policy Committee Meeting

Approved Minutes

8-13-2014

APC Members Present: Heather Reichenberg, Matt Strobel, Jon Kulhanek, Hannah Gustafson, Stephanie Zuniga, Amber Niebuhr

Members absent: Garry Betley, Kary Brinson

Committee Members Present:

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

Guests Present:

Public Comments: None

Meeting called to order at 4:40 pm

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

Motion: Hannah moved to approve the May 2014 minutes, seconded by Jon and motion passed with unanimous consent.

Administrators Report:

Kiki presented information about the district – wide calendar committee.

The group discussed the school identifier-Big and Little Fireweed, looking for another way to describe our schools.

She reported on enrollment, balance is not great for numbers in classrooms. She reminded the APC that the October count is important for funding. Some schools do not accept students after the October count. We usually do, though there is precedence not to if needed.

Last spring’s legislature worked in our favor, lower the cap for full funding from 150 to 75 students. We will have about \$250,000 extra in our budget do to this change. This change helped our school and the Juneau Charter School. The indirect cost is going down to a max of 4%. This is an excellent deal for us-al district support is paid through this fee. The local contribution remains unclear.

Kiki reminded the APC that last year we struggle with spending money we were not allowed to carry over. This year we will be better staffed.

Our ASPI is 4 star, attendance issues are what keeps us from being a 5 star school. Our attendance was 91.8%, we need 95% for a 5 star rating.

Academic Achievement:	Reading-93.02% proficient
	Writing 90.70 Proficient
	Math 84.44? Proficient
School Growth	100 points
Attendance	91.80%

Facility update:

Shed is being built at little fireweed. The shed at big fireweed is being cleaned out.

Gas conversion: APC feels Landlord should pay. They will not approve it. Kiki will let Dave Know.

Parking lot: Kiki proposes we pay for this and get a reduction in rent. Should we pave or grade and gravel?

Hannah thought perhaps it could be donated. She will look into it.

School Improvement Plan:

Kiki and Jon attended a leadership academy, came up with a draft.

Title I funding has been cut. Kiki proposes a literacy program at the k-2 level before or after school. Betsy Vanek would run this program.

Upcoming events:

Meet and greet

Karen Hornaday Park picnic

3-6th campout at Anchor River

Kiki went through staffing;

Kiki Abrahamson-Principal and 6th grade Language Arts

Kris Owens-3-6th Math, Themes, Specials

Stephanie Zuniga-1-6 Math, themes, specials

Hannah Snow-3-5 Language arts, themes and specials

David Lefton, .5 SPED and .5 reg teacher

Kim Fine Mostly 1st some Kindergarteners

John Kulhanek Mostly 2nd graders, a few 1st graders

Deb Schmidt mostly Kindergarteners, a few 1st graders

Betsy Vanek-.5 instructional aide, 5 interventionist

Janet Bowen Secretary

David Davoudlarian Instructional Aide

Jane Kilcher LFW nurse 2hrs/week

Rhonda Velsko-LFW custodian

Vacant 2.8 hrs. /day non-instructional aid

Shared staff:

Judy Gonsalves west/big fireweed speech

Lori Ford speech at little fireweed

Laura Peek west/FWA nurse

West Custodians

Amy Sundheim- west and both fireweed schools Psychologist

Food service – no fee

APC Position: Janet will put vacancy position in both newsletters

Secretarial reclassification: Kiki initiated this in 2012, with no action taken from the KPBSD administration. Kiki resubmitted the request to Joanne Riener, with no results. Kiki suggested the APC draft a request to help facilitate this process. Hannah and Amber said they would draft a letter.

School/Teacher/Administrator evaluations: Kiki thinks they will be more valuable if they are available to parents and students around the 2nd Student led parent teacher conferences. Amber finished the student responses, Kary finished part of the parent surveys, and Janet will finish the rest for the next meeting. Janet will bring blank survey forms to be reviewed for this year, Kim volunteered to work on the little fireweed surveys. This will be on next month's agenda.

APC Goals/SIP: APC needs to set goals. Kiki will complete Site Council report as we approve minutes. The SIP is due Sept 30th to the district. Academic Achievement, Organizational Excellence. Kiki will update and email to APC. Concentrate on content, process and production. Janet will put this on Agenda for next month.

APC Training: Amber said there is value in the program we have. Listen to the CD's as a group, share the book. But might be better to do a group training and include a section with defining APC goals. Kiki said we did do a training with Ben Park called Plan on a Page. One goal should be administration evaluation and transition to new administrator. Kiki will find the state regulations for APC's and get copies for members.

Motion: Stephanie moved to adjourn the meeting, Amber 2nds, motion passes with unanimous consent at 6:05pm.

Submitted by Janet Bowen