

Fireweed Academy

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

Academic Policy Committee Meeting

Approved Minutes

1-8-2014

Members Present: Kary Brinson, Matt Strobel, Stephanie Zuniga, Jon Kulhanek, Hannah Gustafson

Members absent: Kristen Metz, Garry Betley Kelly Behen, Kathy Vogl

Staff Present: Janet Bowen, Kim Fine

Guests: Paula Kulhanek

Public Comments: Paula said it was to be back and the kids were excited to be in school again!

Meeting called to order at 4:35 pm

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

Motion: Hannah moved to approve the December 2013 minutes as is, seconded by Kary and motion passed with unanimous consent.

Administrators Report: none, Administrator is out of town.

Budget Committee: The members of the new Budget Committee have not yet met; they now consist of Hannah Gustafson, Kary Brinson, Kiki Abrahamson, Erik Niebuhr and Paula Kulhanek. Their goal is to look at any discrepancies in the budget, figure out where we stand and move forward.

Fundraising Committee: While the new Fundraising committee has not yet met, current members are Hannah Gustafson and Kary Brinson. Hannah will draft an email to FWA parents asking for folks to participate.

Kary Brinson has spoken to Dave Ritchie, landlord at Little Fireweed, about hooking up to gas and he plans on doing that. Kary had hoped to meet with him over the winter break but was unable to do so; they plan on meeting sometime in the next week or two.

Building ownership: Janet will send Hannah the contact information for the charter schools that own their own buildings.

Exit interviews: Kelly reported via email that she has left multiple messages for families that exited our school with no success in actually speaking with anyone. The APC decided to just move forward, sending a letter/survey to each family who leaves, regardless if they leave to pursue a different school setting, are relocating or simply going on an extended vacation. Janet will forward the letter/survey to the APC members to review and will be responsible to getting the letter to families who are leaving, along with a stamped return envelope and a copy of the current APC membership list. Janet will also provide the APC with the results of these surveys.

Janet is to also keep a running document of why people chose to attend FWA (information gotten from the Intent to Enroll form).

Open enrollment this year is Feb 3-28th. Teachers asked about providing the Intent to Enroll forms at the parent teacher conferences. Janet will provide these. Janet will also take over arranging the preschool visits.

APC Membership: Two Fireweed parents are interested in filling the vacant seat. Neither could attend this meeting. The APC decided to postpone a decision until next month. Hannah will invite them both to the meeting. Janet mentioned it was refreshing to have more interest than membership and perhaps they could both participate, one on the APC and one on a committee.

Motion: Stephanie moved to postpone the decision regarding Kathy Vogl's vacant seat until the February meeting, seconded by Hannah. Motion passed unanimously.

The subject of a new co-chair will be put on the February agenda.

Motion: Stephanie moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:27pm, Kary seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Janet Bowen