

Fireweed Academy  
'Where students learn to view themselves as readers, writers, and problem solvers'  
Academic Policy Committee Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
July 8, 2015

**APC Members Present:** Hannah Gustafson, Amber Niebuhr, Jon Kulhanek (via phone) Kary Brinson, Brandy McGee

**Members absent:** Garry Betley, Stephanie Zuniga, Kate Henry

**Committee Members Present:**

**Staff Present:** Kiki Abrahamson- FWA Principal

**Public Comments:** None

Meeting called to order at 4:45 pm

**Motion: Amber moved to approve the amended agenda (remove planning updates), Seconded by Brandy, motion passed with unanimous consent.**

**Motion: Hannah moved to approve the May and June 2015 minutes, seconded by Kary and motion passed with unanimous consent.**

**Administrators Report:** - Kiki has closed the non-instructional aide position, will be interviewing and hiring soon. At Little Fireweed: Rhonda cleaned the carpets and they look great, Betsy is getting moved in and getting her room ready, garden is looking great and the new yurt is up.

Kiki has received a handful of bids for work that work need to be done on the Wildberry building (see following updates).

The year-end totals have not been received yet, but once they are the budget committee will meet to reconcile.

Dave R. just returned and has not done the work on the parking lot yet, but the gravel has been purchased and the work should be done soon. Kiki is also planning to setup an in person meeting to discuss the option of construction and a one-campus option at the Little Fireweed site.

Building option updates - Kiki had another call with Rhonda (owner) and Gina (realtor). A sprinkler bid was received from Accel for \$72k and a bid for the alarm came in at \$61k. The existing pipe into the building is only 1 inch so either a 6 inch pipe or storage tanks would have to be installed. Pipe installation runs about \$100/foot and 60 feet would be needed. The three concerns to be expressed to the owners are 1. The acoustics, 2. The location (not ideal for traffic/flow during drop off and pick up), and 3. The costs to bring the building to code. Some preliminary research has been done into using Lee Street (on the backside of the lot) as an option for the second concern. According to the city all land owners with adjacent property would have to approve extending the road and then land owners would have to cover 75% of the cost of construction while the city would cover 25%. We discussed how unlikely that would be to occur. We also discussed the fact that the quoted price did not include the adjacent lots (where the Cool Juicy Bus currently sits), including those lots would add to the monthly expense and if they weren't included, who knows who/what might end up next

door. The owner has asked Kiki for a list of what “has to be done” versus “what we want to be done” before occupying the building.

**Motion –Amber moved that Kiki will tell Rhonda Bennan (owner of Wildberry) that we are going to continue to explore our options, seconded by Kary. Motion pass with unanimous consent.**

**Budget Committee:** The committee hasn’t met, but the latest report from the District shows an unencumbered balance of \$161,262.25. It was noted that that number doesn’t include our indirect costs, which were budgeted around \$40-50k. Once the final year end numbers are received from the District the budget committee will meet to reconcile the year end.

**APC membership:** Vacant APC seat - New Fireweed parent Jamie Olson has offered to fill the vacant seat.

**Motion – Hannah moved to appoint Jamie Olson to the vacant seat, seconded by Kary. Motion passed with unanimous consent.**

**Site Council Evaluations:** It was noted that we need to add a permanent cell to the agenda template titled “Site Council Report” for filling in and submitting along with the minutes each month.

**Motion – Amber moved to adjourn at 5:25pm, seconded by Brandy. Motion passed with unanimous consent.**

**Submitted by Hannah Gustafson**