

Fireweed Academy
'Where students learn to view themselves as readers, writers, and problem solvers'
Academic Policy Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes
May 13, 2015

APC Members Present: Jon Kulhanek, Hannah Gustafson, Amber Niebuhr, Kate Henry,

Members absent: Garry Betley, Kary Brinson, Matt Strobel, Stephanie Zuniga, Brandy McGee

Committee Members Present:

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

Public Comments: None

Meeting called to order at 4:42 pm

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

Motion: Hannah moved to approve the April 2015 minutes, seconded by Jon and motion passed with unanimous consent.

Administrators Report: We still need to spend some money so that the maximum allowable rollover will be possible. We will be purchasing 4 computers, 2 smart boards and 1 smart table. Kiki wanted the APC to know that she signed her contract because she wants the school to succeed. Kiki reported that the 5 day trip to McCarthy was a huge success. She requested that she be reimbursed for the Saturday and Sunday she worked while being on the fieldtrip as it is against the negotiated agreement that staff have to work on over night and weekend trips.

Motion: Kate moves to pay Kiki for the two weekend days she worked during the 6th grade fieldtrip, seconded by Jon. Motion passed unanimously.

Kiki sent an email to Dave Jones, requesting to be on the Charter Oversight committee agenda. She would like to discuss the possibility of a 10 year charter renewal contract which would allow existing charter school the ability to secure longer term lease opportunities. She would also like to discuss the Charter school Administrators and KPAA Negotiated Agreement as well as finding a method for saving/allocating funds in order to acquire a one campus site.

Budget Committee: the budget committee met on May 4th and at that time felt they had another \$60,000 to spend. Information is much more accurate on the financial reports now that monthly adjustments are being done by the district. Kiki reports that the district can charge real operational costs but not 'rent'. She reported that the district commissioned Dave Derry to do an appraisal on the LFW building. The yurt is through the system as is the Dribble Creek Gravel for the parking lot. Dave Ritchie will do the work.

Thoughts for spending: reduce supply list for parents, get more PE supplies, wipes, stenos, markers, sharpies, etc. re-floor LFW? The carpet is terrible. Kiki will talk to Dave Ritchie about large tiles more durable than carpet, more washable. The APC discussed extending Janet's contract by a week to accommodate the extra work with ordering and strategic planning.

Motion: Amber moved to extend Janet Bowen's contract through Friday June 5th, seconded by Katie and approve by unanimous consent.

There was a question about the greenhouse grant? Where does this stand? Janet will check on this.

Strategic planning updates: the PR action plan has been submitted to the group. Building action plan will be available next month. Values meeting is next week (Thursday) and Leadership will schedule a meeting for late May.

New APC Chair

Matt Strobel has submitted a letter resigning as chair.

Motion: Hannah moves to appoint Amber as the new chair, seconded by Jon, motion passes with unanimous consent.

Site Council Evaluations: Some of this is done, Kiki will finish.

Mo has accepted the position of half time teacher (5th grade LA) as half time interventionist (for both schools) Betsy will be a classroom teacher.

MOTION: at 5:38pm Jon moved to adjourn, seconded by Hannah, motion passes with unanimous consent.

Minutes submitted by Janet Bowen