

Fireweed Academy

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

Academic Policy Committee Meeting

Approved Minutes

10-8-2014

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

Members absent: Garry Betley, Heather Reichenberg

Committee Members Present:

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

Guests Present: Chris Fontaine-parent, Kathy Vogl-parent, Kate Henry, parent

Public Comments: None

Meeting called to order at 4:36 pm

Motion: Amber moved to approve the agenda as amended (postpone school surveys and open meeting rules), Jon seconded and motion passed with unanimous consent.

Motion: Stephanie moved to approve the Sept 2014 minutes, seconded by Amber and motion passed with unanimous consent.

Administrators Report:

The 6th graders participated in a Mock Circle Justice with Ginny Espenshade and 2 members of the Kenaitze Circle Justice Program. They are now looking at restorative justice vs traditional and Kiki is working on getting them into the Homer Courts.

The SIP is done and up on the web.

In-service: FWA teaching staff completed a book study on differentiation and work on this during the Oct 17th in-service. Differentiation is coming into play at intervention meetings. Betsy will present about Aimsweb (assessment program that tracks reading, writing and Math). Janet will be in Soldotna for an in-service.

Kiki is doing more classroom walk throughs-self reflections on staff evaluations. She made a lesson plan template that switches perspective from what can I teach my students to what do I expect my students to learn.

We are currently in the October count, we have 103 students and expect to stay there. Student-led Parent Teacher conferences are coming up Oct 30 and 31st. 3 staff members are in Mandt training tomorrow and Friday, one person took it today.

Budget committee report: The committee met Monday, Oct 6th. The reviewed last year’s final numbers and this year’s budget. Kiki reminded everyone about the KPBSD budget meeting tomorrow, Thursday, Oct 9 at 9pm at the Homer middle School and then walked the group through the budget process. This year we will have approximately \$100,000 to spend after expenses and will roll over potentially \$140,000 (last year we rolled over \$69,000.) Kiki asked for priorities (she will also ask staff):

- Increase staffing at LFW
- Fix the parking lot at LFW (costs range from \$5K-\$20K)
- Ski equipment
- Smart Board
- Gas conversion (cost is estimated at 10-12K)

Mo Sanders (principal at Soldotna Montessori) petitioned the district to allow charter schools to be on the rotating tech schedule.

The parking lot at FWA needs re-graveling and the pot holes fixed. There is also a bigger issue of drainage. There was a discussion on who's responsible for the parking lot improvements, FWA or Landlord. And at what point does it have to go out for a bid-depends on scale of project. Kiki offered to do some improvements to the facility at LFW and has yet to get a response from the landlord, Dave Ritchie. Per the Lease, it is FWA's responsibility to maintain the parking lot and Landlords responsibility for major upgrades. Landlord needs to give approval in writing of any improvements.

Motion: Hannah moved direct Kiki to have the parking lot graveled as soon as possible, seconded by Kary. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion: at 5:49 pm, Stephanie moved to enter into executive session to discuss the reclassification of the secretary position and Kiki's roundtable support, 2nd by Kary and motion passed unanimously.

Motion: at 7pm Jon moved to resume the public APC meeting, 2nd by Kary, motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Amber moved to adjourn the APC meeting at 7:01, 2nd by Hannah, motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Janet Bowen