

Fireweed Academy
'Where students learn to view themselves as readers, writers, and problem solvers'
Academic Policy Committee Meeting
approved minutes
April 9, 2018

APC members present: Lynn Kee, Jon Kulhanek, Crisi Matthews Amber Niebuhr, Brandy McGee, Mo Wilkinson, Megan Palma

APC Members absent, Kate Henry

Staff present: Janet Bowen, FWA secretary, Todd Hindman, FWA Principal, Kim Fine, FWA teachers, Tim Vlasak-KPBSD Director of Assessment, Curriculum, Federal Programs and Small Schools (Via Skype)

Public Comments: none.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Jon Kulhanek moved to approve the April 9th agenda, Lynn Kee seconded and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Brandy McGee moved to approve the February and March 2018 Minutes with corrections, Mo Wilkinson seconded and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

Leadership Team: Tim Vlasak presented information regarding our current budget, and Federal and State funding. Tim thanked the APC members for their work. He encouraged folks to get involved by attending meetings and writing or calling our representative.

Administrators Report: Census is 118: grades K-2 is 52 and 3-6 grades has 66. Two exit interviews from parents who have pulled their students are complete.

The remodel at little fireweed is beginning this week with Pat McNary from Jay Brandt doing the work. He will start Friday and will work after 3pm and on the weekends.

The SPED position is still open, there are interviews tomorrow. Katherine Gustafson has accepted one of the teacher positions.

The KPBSD School Climate surveys are done; the district level results are collated, but not local schools as of yet.

Kiki Abrahamson's AIS program has been completed at Big Fireweed, Ann Margret Wimmerstedt started her program at Little Fireweed this week.

The lease committee needs to meet with Dave Ritchie.

The 501(c)(3) group needs more members-they do not need to be members of our school. Amber recently took a Foraker class on new federal tax law changes for non-profits.

Katie Koester, city manager of the City of Homer is interested in talking more with us about the possibility of Fireweed purchasing the HERC building. A city taskforce will convene to study this option.

School Climate: Susan and Sarah Braund are interested in knowing what is happening with our school bullying prevention efforts. Susan asked for and received the districts due process policy. They are unable to attend the meeting and would like a call back regarding the conversation. Amber volunteered to call Sarah and Susan back.

Motion: Amber moved to enter into an executive session to discuss a confidential event from last spring and bring a new APC member up to date. Jon Kulhanek seconded and the motion passed with unanimous consent. The executive session began at 5:10pm

Motion: Amber moved to come out of the executive session and return to the regular APC meeting, Mo Wilkinson seconded and the motion passes with unanimous consent. The regular APC meeting resumed at 5:15pm

All FWA staff has now been trained in the Kagan Structures program to help with student engagement and classroom management. Zones of Regulation has been implemented school wide at the K-2 level and is used with some students at the 3-6 grade level. Safety issues are being worked on daily. For next year, Todd is in discussion with the folks from Green Dot to come in the fall for a student training.

In the future, Amber would like to see some kind of general student accountability implemented for behavior from the bullier to the victim...an acknowledgment of the event and apology of some kind. A resolution between the students or student(s) and adult.

Committee reports:

Budget- Todd continues to work with Liz Hayes from the district and Erik Niebuhr, making sure we are able to hold over our 10%. There is still hope that Little Fireweed can initiate a Preludes type program next fall. Amber would like to look into a fundraising seminar -for the 501(c)(3) in Seattle in June. She will research this.

Safe and Healthy Kids Fair- Janet brought up the Safe Fair being held on April 28th, asking if anyone could attend and represent FWA. Seems largely directed towards younger kids and we are at capacity at LFW. No one from the APC was able to immediately volunteer.

Wait List Rules-Todd would like to readdress this at a later date. He would like to see open enrollment occur after spring break. Kim would prefer to not have visitations in March.

Site Council Statement: completed.

Motion: Amber Niebuhr moved to adjourn at 5:54, seconded by Brandy McGee and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

The next meeting will be May 7th at 4:00 (note time change) in room 104 at Big Fireweed.

Submitted by Janet Bowen