

Fireweed Academy
'Where students learn to view themselves as readers, writers, and problem solvers'
Academic Policy Committee Meeting
Approved minutes
December 4, 2017

APC members present: Lynn Kee, Jane Dunn, Jon Kulhanek, Crisi Matthews Amber Niebuhr, Kate Henry, Brandy McGee

APC Members absent: Mo Wilkinson

Staff present: Kim Fine-FWA Teacher, Linda Reinhart-Paul Banks Preludes Program, Miranda Weiss-FWA parent, Kara Clemens-FWA parent

Public Comments: none.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Amber Niebuhr moved to place the Paul Banks Preludes Program at the top of the agenda, Brandy McGee 2nds and the Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Motion: Amber Niebuhr moved to approve the agenda with amendments, Kate Henry 2nds and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Jon Kulhanek moved to approve the November 2017 minutes, Lynn Kee seconded and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

Paul Banks Preludes Program: Linda Reinhart and Miranda Weiss gave a history and presentation of the Paul Banks Preludes Program and spoke to the merits of musically trained children, especially those trained with stringed instruments; increased performance in Reading, Writing and Math. Paul Banks is in the 2nd year of a two-year program, they began with First graders and then added 2nd graders. Miranda would like to see FWA implement such a program next year through all the grades (K-6) including hiring a part time staff to support this program. Amber suggested a committee meet and discuss the logistics: space, budget, etc. Miranda, Kara Clemens and Kim Fine will meet with Todd and discuss budgetary issues after Todd's meeting with Liz this Friday (December 8th)

Administrators Report:

MOA for Share facility with WHE Breakdown for FY17:

Nursing \$18,329 Custodial \$38,785 Building \$37,375 Total **\$94,489**

Current Enrollment is 124; k-2 is 55 and 3rd-6th is 69

Positions: The SPED Aide position was posted by HR last Friday (December 1).

LFW remodel: Accel visited and looked at the existing sprinkler heads, they indicated 3 or 4 more could be added. This would allow the walls to be extended to the ceiling. Accel submitted a proposal and Todd hopes the work will be completed over winter break. Strong Construction will be the project manager to complete an engineering plan for the modifications to the building.

PTR: Amber and Todd met with the KPBSD Charter School committee to review the proposed changes to the contract with the district in regards to the Pupil Teacher Ratio.

School end time at BFW: Eric Waltenbaugh, principal of WHE has been given permission to adjust the end of the day at WHE/FWA to 2:40pm since busses do not arrive until 2:45 on a regular basis.

Budget: Todd has a meeting with Liz Hayes on Friday to talk about the FWA budget update.

School Development Plan: As part of the School Development Plan, we are currently completing mid-year revisions.

Committee Reports:

Public Relations: FWA will host the 2nd annual viewing of Polar Express and some of our student submissions to the 90 Second Newberry Film Festival. This will be on Saturday Dec 23, movie starts at 12 noon and admission is a cash donation or three cans or dry packages of food.

School Climate: Zones of Regulation is a program that teaches kids where they are emotionally and behaviorally so they are ready to learn. Students at BFW will begin using this in January/February, 2018.

Crisi asked how parents can support anti bullying plans. Why are parents not called in to discuss their responsibilities so they can support staff. Amber mentioned that due to confidentiality sometimes parents cannot know the outcome or consequences of student actions.

Board of Education Letter: The letter is not yet ready to go the board; Amber will spend time on it over winter break. It talks about getting our nonprofit status to assist with getting our own facility and that we want to work with the board to make this happen. Need to add list of accomplishments. Amber mentioned that Aurora Borealis wants to expand and they have facility issues as well. They make have some good contacts.

Bylaw revisions:

Motion: Crisi Matthews moved to approve the bylaws as amended, Jon Kulhanek seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Amber Niebuhr moved to adjourn, Kate Henry seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43pm

The next meeting will be January 8th at 4:30 in room 104 at Big Fireweed.

Submitted by Janet Bowen