

Fireweed Academy
'Where students learn to view themselves as readers, writers, and problem solvers'
Academic Policy Committee Meeting
approved minutes
September 10, 2018

APC members present: Jon Kulhanek, Amber Niebuhr, Brandy McGee, Megan Palma

APC Members absent, Kate Henry, Lynn Kee, Crisi Matthews, Mo Wilkinson

Staff and Guests present: Todd Hindman, FWA Principal, Janet Bowen, FWA secretary, Bob Shavelson, Parent

Public Comments: none.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Brandy McGee moved to approve the September 10 agenda, Jon Kulhanek seconded and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Brandy McGee moved to approve the May 2018 Minutes, Amber Niebuhr seconded and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

Administrators Report: Todd reviewed last month's administrators report-there was not a quorum for that meeting. Enrollment is 115: grades K-2 is 52 and 3-6 grades has 63.

Certified Staffing for FY19: Katie Weber was hired as the 1st grade teacher at the end of May.

A draft of our School Development Plan for 2018-2019 was completed by Jon and Todd at the end of May. The two school goals include refining baseline tools prioritizing strong relationships with students to support social and emotional needs and strengthening core values through Professional development.

PEAK Assessments have been returned, our scores are at or above the district in Math and ELA. A new program called MAPS will probably be used for assessments in the next 2 years. This testing will be done 3 times/year.

APC Elections: Ashley Gregoire and Bob Shavelson are interested in the parent seat being vacated by Kate Henry. They will send statements to Janet by Thursday Sept 13, 2018, and Janet will create an election through Survey Monkey. Lyn Kee is staying on as a community rep and Brandy is staying on as a student rep.

Motion: Jon Kulhanek moved to appoint Kim Fine to the APC Staff position, Megan Seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

APC Training: There is an APC training day with Lon Garrison from AASB (Association of Alaska School Boards.)

Date: Saturday, September 29, 2018

Time: 9:00-4:00 (Coffee & Conversation @ 8:30)

Location: Skyview Middle School Library

Lunch: 12:00-1:00

Topics:

1. APC & Principal Roles & Responsibilities
2. Charter school principal evaluation process & timeline
3. What's in your Charter? Bylaws?
4. The need for Strategic planning and annual Goals
5. Conducting effective meetings
6. Robert's Rules of Order
7. The APC and the Budget
8. Hot Topic round-table discussions
9. School Climate and Connectedness

HERC Building: Todd attended the HERC Building Task Force last week. There is enough space with building modifications to have seven classrooms on the top floor. Todd told the task force that our lease would need to be based on enrollment numbers and that we would be willing to have other community members use the facility during non-school hours. One major hurdle is the cost of bring the building up to fire code. New regulations are coming out this fall and the estimated cost is \$2-3 million.

Motion: Amber Niebuhr moved to adjourn the meeting, Brandy McGee seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40pm. The next APC meeting will be held on October 8, 2018 in room 102 at West Homer Elementary.

Submitted by Janet Bowen