

Fireweed Academy
'Where students learn to view themselves as readers, writers, and problem solvers'
APC Approved Minutes
9-11-2013

Members Present: Kary Brinson, Matt Strobel, Stephanie Zuniga, Hannah Gustafson

Members absent Kathy Vogl, Kelly Behen, Kristen Metz

Staff Present: Janet Bowen, Kiki Abrahamson

Guests: none

Public Comments: none

Meeting called to order at 4:40 pm

Approval of Agenda: Hannah moved to approve the agenda as is, Stephanie seconds and motion passed with unanimous consent.

Motion: Kary Moved to approve the August 14th minutes with correction, seconded by Hannah, **passed with unanimous consent.**

Matt brought up his concern regarding the status of honorary members. There was a quick discussion clarifying the parameters and role of honorary members. There is nothing in the by-laws regarding honorary members.

Administrators Report:

Enrollment is 107, with another student coming soon.

The budget is holding its own, breaking even at this point.

We have a grant funded Title 1 position (3.75 hrs. per day, 4 days a week) still to fill. Betsy Vanek had taken the position but then was offered a full time position at McNeil and Edan Badajos, who also interviewed for the job has taken a position at Chapman. The position is being re-posted.

There was a school board meeting on Monday night in Homer. Kiki was ill and not able to attend. She heard there was an executive session held to discuss Fireweed Academy. She was not informed of this and does not know what was discussed, but perhaps it was our fiscal situation. Kiki suggests that the APC form a focus group to look at alternate plans for next year...regarding staffing and budgeting. Deb Schmidt intends to retire at the end of the school year. Kiki indicated she is considering retiring and would like to do contractual admin work for Fireweed, such as teacher evaluations. Both these situations would cut costs to Fireweed.

Kiki is working on the School Improvement Plan with Stephanie. The goals will be towards transitioning to the new state standards which includes;

% of students proficient (last year 90% writing, 84% reading and 84% math

Amount of progress

Attendance (last year 90.55%, need 96% to raise us to a 5 start school)

The bonus is that the shifts are towards things we already do.

Planning:

Kary Brinson is hosting a staff appreciation event on Sept. 20th. Details will be sent to staff.

Kathy Vogl asked Janet to bring up the possibility that she may have to resign her seat on the APC as she may not be very available after January. The APC decided as a group to discuss that when the time came.

Fall Fundraiser:

There was a general conversation regarding funding for the 710 account and the operational account. Janet will send information via email the APC members regarding the amounts raised at the last fall fundraiser (2011) and the spring 2013 Mayday event as well as how much has been raised so far with the quilt.

Motion: Matt moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:35pm. Kary 2nded and the **motion passed with unanimous consent.**

Submitted by Janet Bowen