

Fireweed Academy  
'Where students learn to view themselves as readers, writers, and problem solvers'  
Academic Policy Committee Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
December 14, 2016

APC Members Present: Brandy McGee, Kate Henry, Crisi Matthews, Joey Kraszeski, Lynn Kee, Hannah Snow, Mo Wilkinson, Amber Niebuhr

Members absent: Garry Betley,

Committee Members Present: none

Staff Present: Todd Hindman, Principal Janet Bowen, Secretary, and Jon Kulhanek, FWA Teachers

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm

**Public Comments:** none

**Motion: Mo moved to approve the agenda, Hannah seconded and motion passed with unanimous consent.**

**Motion: Hannah moved to approve the November 2016 minutes, Mo seconded and the motion passed with unanimous consent.**

**Administrators report:** Our charter was approved by the school board for 10 years. Rebecca Boone has been hired as a sub-interventionist and will go to a long-term sub if no one responds to the current advertised position. Some of the playground issues at Little fireweed have been resolved; Todd thanks Kim Fine for her help with this. Joelene and Todd are working with the kids on their recycled holiday cards for outreach to WHE.

Kara Bakken Clemens is finishing up her dance residency at both big and little Fireweed. Jeff Szarzi will conduct a ceramic residency at little fireweed in late January/ early February. Kim McNett will conduct a nature journaling residency at BFW in April and Kiki Abrahamson is interested in a residency climate change.

There is no revised budget as yet-should be soon.

The Association of Alaska School Boards is holding a training on January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. This is for principals and APC members

**Committee reports:**

**Core values:** The updated core values were presented to staff at the last all staff meeting and was supported by everyone.

**Motion: Amber moved to adopt as is the new core values, Hannah second and the motion passed with unanimous consent.**

**PR Committee:** there was a brief discussion about staffing at the procrastinators fair.

The Site Council statement was completed

**Motion: Amber moved to adjourn, Mo seconded and the motion passed with unanimous consent.**

Meeting adjourns at 4:45pm

The next APC meeting is Monday, December 12th at 4:30pm

Submitted by Janet Bowen  
Attachment 1

## **CORE VALUES- NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> REVISION**

### **Thriving Learners are Cultivated**

We believe in creating a learning community where all members --kids, families, and educators-- thrive through a commitment to authentic constructivist principles. Understanding and knowledge of the world is constructed through integrated experiences and reflection upon those experiences. Foundational pieces of Fireweed's constructivist philosophy and methodology include project based learning, thematic immersion and Socratic inquiry methods.

### **Creativity is Celebrated**

We believe, promote, and honor innovative thinking, risk taking, and creative expression as a foundation for learning, living, and working.

### **Flourishing Community is Sustained**

We believe in a shared commitment to community and making great things happen by valuing and using collaboration, promoting professionalism, manifesting best practices, and bringing our best selves forward.