

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

**APC Members Present:** Kary Brinson via phone, Amber Niebuhr, Jon Kulhanek, Brandy McGee, Kate Henry, Crisi Matthews, Joey Kraszeski, Hannah Snow

**Members absent:** Garry Betley

**Committee Members Present:** none

**Staff Present:** Todd Hindman, Principal Janet Bowen, Secretary

Guests present: Lynn Kee

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm

Public Comments: None

**Motion: Amber moved to approve the amended agenda (added the approval of past minutes), Jon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion; Brandy moved to approve May 9<sup>th</sup>, May 11<sup>th</sup>, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and August 22, 2016 minutes, seconded by Amber and the motion passed unanimously.**

**Administrators report:** Todd is working on the charter renewal with Jon and Janet and is almost done, just waiting on a few financials from Laurie Olsen and an MOA with WHE. HE would like to personalize the membership list for the charter reapplication and requests a short personal blurb from each member.

No progress on the use of WHE library, Todd and WHE Principal have just been busy. They will continue to work on it.

FWA needs a volunteer coordinator, it has been advertised in the newsletters and in an email Janet sent out. Todd will also be having more contact with Families as soon as the renewal process is done.

Big FWA open house was well attended. LFW open hose is Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Anchor Point campout is this Thursday/Friday. Plans are going well.

There will be a transportation meeting this Monday evening at Homer High at 6pm. Next year we will be going to a 2 tier system with different start/end times for different schools. There will be a new transportation provider as well. Todd recommend parents and APC member attend. Also there will be a bus evacuation drill in the new future.

Todd will attend the admin meeting in Soldotna on September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Teachers have begun to use blended learning using technology. It is going very well and we will need more student laptops/computers.

**Budget Committee:** no report. Erik Niebuhr recommends that we not have monthly meetings unless something specific comes up. He feels that since he and Todd receive monthly financial reports, he is able to keep on top of the situation. Since we are looking into purchasing more student laptops, we will have a meeting this month. The committee will set a date.

**Strategic planning reports:**

**Community Relations PR** – Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> is movie night at the Homer Theater. We will show Zootopia and it will be a canned food event. Janet will call Shari Dougherty and let her know. This will be open to the public and we will fund the film with 710 money. We will show Jon's Salmon movie and possible our PR movie is it is ready.

Possible all school fundraising event for March, committee will meet and prepare a proposal.

**Organizational Values –no report**

**One Campus Dream-** Kary called the borough and left a message for Kelly Cooper who took Mako Haggarty's place. They are playing telephone tag and Kary would like to let her know about our facility needs and invite her to an APC meeting. Perhaps they have something to offer vs working with Dave Ritchie (private). It was suggested that no single person should be reaching out to a public official on behalf of the APC without direction from the APC. Amber asked Kary to hold off and will call a One Campus meeting to discuss how to proceed.

**Strong Leadership-no report**

**On the bus** – no report but they will have a meeting during the upcoming all staff meeting.

**Bylaws committee:** Crisi, Jon and Joey met today, working on a first draft. Crisi will write it up and email it to parents for feedback. Crisi asked if the APC could have school district emails, Janet will check.

**APC Membership:** Brandy McGee and Kate Henry would like to continue on with the APC. Jon Kulhanek would like to continue as a staff rep if no one from Little Fireweed wants to participate. This will be discussed at the next all-staff meeting. Kary wants to do whatever is best for the school. Hannah asked Kary if she would be willing to step down and serve on the one campus committee and Lynn Kee, mother of a 1<sup>st</sup> grade FWA student would be appointed to that community position. Kary said yes. Amber thanks Kary for all her years on the APC. Voting will be through a Survey Monkey that Janet will set up with Kate as interested in staying on and a write in spot. This will run for the first week of October.

Site Council Evaluation was updated for the month of August.

**Motion: Brandy moved to adjourn, Amber seconded and the motion passes unanimously.**

Meeting adjourns at 5:40pm

The next APC meeting is Monday, October 10th at 4:30pm

Submitted by Janet Bowen