

Fireweed Academy
Academic Policy Committee Approved Minutes
March 2, 2020

Present: Bob Shavelson, Sean Campbell, Kim Fine, Crisi Matthews, Brandy McGee

Absent: Christine Faber

Guests: Justine Weitzman and Baby Eloise, Kristie Forster, Janet Bowen, FWA Secretary, Todd Hindman, FWA Principal

Public Comments:

Kim Fine announced her plans to retire at the end of this school year.

Kim Fine reported that there will be an art opening at KBAY at 5:-6:30pm with an exhibit of the masks made during the AIS program with Gail Baker.

Kristie Forster suggested we hold more parent coffee groups, perhaps monthly.

Justine would like to see Restorative Practice more community based-spread further from school. Would like to address reoccurring student behavior.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Bob Shavelson motioned to approve the March 3, 2020 agenda with amendments, Crisi Mathews approved. Motion passed

Motion: Kim moved to approve the Feb 2020 APC minutes with amendments, Brandy approved and the motion passed.

Admin report:

Enrollment:

FY20 Projected Enrollment: 119 Current Enrollment: 120

Enrollment: K (17), 1st (14), 2nd (13), 3rd (20), 4th (17), 5th (14), 6th (25)

K-6 (120), K-2 (44), 3-6 (76)

Structure Expo: The Expo was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Professional Development: In-Service training this week will include a session on ALICE which will include information from the Homer PD and a session on Restorative Practice use of affective language.

Artist in Schools: Gail Baker, mask-making. Gallery Night at K-Bay Caffe on March 5th beginning at 5 PM with an artist talk at 5:30, ending shortly after 6.

PEAKS Testing Week: April 6th through April 10th, 8:30 AM - 11:20 AM

Spring Trips: 3rd-5th grade will be going to Camp K with a side trip to Seward. The 6th grade will be going to Yukon Island. Both trips will occur the week of May 4th.

Restorative Practices Parent Workshop: Approximately 20 people attended the workshop. Ingrid Harrald provided a one hour overview of restorative practices including the social discipline window, restorative questions and affective language. The participants were grateful for the opportunity.

February Enrollment Period: Our February enrollment period has ended. We are currently at 103 students with only nine potential Kindergarten students

Committee work

One Campus Dream: Dave Ritchie is leaving town this week, he and the committee will meet when he gets back. His interested in building and Erik Niebuhr thinks banks would loan him money. Bob will let the PAC committee now when a meeting will be set up.

Public Relations:

The Color Run will be held May 2, same day as our May Day celebration (2-4pm). The events will not be connected; just another event families can attend after the color run. We need a lead person to head up May Day. Kim will take on music and booths... drop the food portion as there will be food at the color run.

APC Priorities: This is a process. Goals are tied into principal goals as the administrator to the school. FWA development goals are:

Improve school climate: Restorative Practices, Cooperative Learning, and Frescoes

~~The leadership committee have given Todd goals based on the parent surveys. Committee are to create goals and email them to APC members.~~ CORRECTION: The Leadership committee will create goals for Todd from the parent surveys and will email them to the APC.

Todd will create a google doc to facilitate the process of action items.

Parent Engagement: Kim continues to arrange monthly parent coffee gatherings

OPUS review: Kim reported that there will be a concert on March 27 at Paul Banks that LFW is invited to with Eileen Ivers. LFW will also be making food for the high school concert as a fundraiser.

Tech Report: Bob reported there will be a meeting at WHE library on March 18th 5:30-7:30 and will be held in a World Café format. A survey monkey will go out asking about concerns to be addressed. There will be 5 presenters-each talking for about 3 minutes. Participants will then break into groups for discussions. This will be open to the public.

Enrollment: Sean reported the preschool program Tiny Trees likes more outside time and limited screen time. Advertising ideas: 2 recesses and no screen time for kindergartners, project and play based learning with multiage groups. There was a discussion regarding our branding.....no child left inside. Justine brought up teaching kids to use technology safely.

Crisi moved to adjourn at 5:25pm

The next APC meeting will be April 6 at 4 pm at Little Fireweed

Submitted by Janet Bowen