

Fireweed Academy  
APC meeting  
Approved Minutes  
Feb 4, 2019 4PM

Members Present: Bob Shavelson, Brandy McGee, Lynn Kee, Kim Fine, Jon Kulhanek, Todd, Susannah Webster, Crisi Matthews via phone, Amber Niebuhr joined at 5pm

Staff and guests: Todd Hindman, Principal

Public comments:

Kim: youth ensemble program update. 15th, 16th 17th

Bob: Feb 15th governors budget coming out. Big changes.

**Motion; Bob moved to approve the agenda, Jon seconded and the motion passed with unanimous consent**

**Motion: Bob moved to approve the minutes, Jon seconded and the motion passed unanimous consent**

**Administrators Report:**

Current Enrollment: K-6 (110), K-2: 15,17,17 (49), 3-6: 15, 12, 24, 10 (61)

HERC Building Update: The One Campus Committee met on Thursday and reviewed the content needed for the letter of interest. Bob will be drafting the letter of interest this week. The council will be reviewing letters at its work session and regular meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to have a resolution passed on March 11<sup>th</sup> issuing a Request for Proposal for a third party property manager to lease the property and manage any subleases. I suggested at the committee meeting that we contact the group that has built charter school in Anchorage to let them know about the opportunity with the HERC building

Budget Update: Erik and I have not set up an appointment to review FY19 budget revisions and the initial FY20 budget prepared by Liz Hayes. I have copies of each for you review.

Alaska World Arts Festival: I met with Kiirsten Styvar who is helping to coordinate activities for the Alaska World Arts Festival, which will be held in September. We are planning three opportunities for Fireweed students to work with artists attending the two-week festival. We will have a storyteller, songwriter, and poet from New Zealand the typically works with kids to write a song, record and perform the song. Another activity would be centered around circus arts with an artist from Hawaii. The third opportunity would be a performance by a 25 ensemble drumming/dance group from Burundi in which WHE will be invited to participate in.

Kagan Training: Katherine Gustafson and Stephanie Zuniga will be attending a Kagan Winter Academy. Katherine will be involved in two workshops, Elementary Literacy and the Writing Process. Stephanie will also be attending two workshops, Kagan Coaching and Thinking Skills.

Bob requests some time with Todd to review budget.

**Committee reports:**

Kim introduces committee action plans. Deadline is March meeting for committees to meet and update action plans. Chairs please let Kim or Jon know if committee is meeting so teachers can be invited. Discussion had about open enrollment strategies. Contacting preschools to arrange group visits. Movie night. Flyers and radio ads.

On the bus: Kim Feb 20th

Public Relation: Crisi (Already met and plan updated)

One Campus Dream: Bob

Strong Leadership: Amber

Bob suggests each committee have chair.

Janet emailed out Student fundraising and co-curricular account report. Bob requests clarification on a few items. Kim explains that the goal is to have Frescoes be self-supporting.

Discussion about opportunities for advocacy with the State Legislature. NEA of Alaska, Great Schools programs out of Anchorage, Association of school boards, Association of principals are all organized entities that lobby in Juneau. No scheduled trip to Juneau.

Parent/Student Survey: Resend email with link. Kim points out desire for ALL family members to fill out. Maybe direct outreach by APC board. Make sure emails going to both parents (grandparents, other interested parties) Deadline (should have been done end of January, extending to capture as many as possible at parent/teacher conferences.)

May Day celebration: Crisi is going to ask Ashley Gregoire to chair the committee. Janet please include mayday celebration on next month's agenda. May 4th is the date chosen.

Kim shares a document from Susie Amundson re: heart, mind body of an organization

Susannah made a note to confirm committee members and who will call meetings.

Bob asks for permission to do some research on other charter schools policy and procedures.

**Motion: Bob moved to enter into executive session with non-staff members to summarize principal survey results. Brandy seconded and the motion passed with unanimous consent.**

Enter Executive session at 5:12

Exit Executive session at 6:16

**Motion: Amber oved to offer Todd Hindman contract for the 2019-20 school year  
Susannah Seconded and the motion passed with unanimous consent.**

Motion: Brandy moved to direct the Strong leadership committee to meet to create a document to provide to Todd outlining strengths and weaknesses, Crisi seconded and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

**Motion: Bob Moved to adjourn, Jon seconded and the motion passed with unanimous consent.**

Submitted by Susannah Webster

The next APC meeting will be held March 4 2019 at 4pm at little Fireweed.