

Fireweed Academy
APC Meeting Minutes
May 6, 2019 4PM

Members Present: Bob Shavelson, Brandy McGee, Kim Fine, Jon Kulhanek, Crisi Matthews, Amber Niebuhr, Susannah Webster

Missing Members: Lynn Kee

Staff and Guests: Todd Hindman, Principal Janet Bowen, Secretary

Public Comments: Kim brought up some of the new school initiatives teachers have been received training in in regards to school climate, Restorative Justice, Resiliency Coalition on Trauma Informed Schools.

Motion: Jon moved to approve the agenda as amended (addition of timeline for Policies and Procedures), Brandy seconded and the motion passed with unanimous consent

Motion: Amber moved to approve the March 2019 minutes, Jon seconded and the motion passed unanimous consent

Administrators Report:

Current Enrollment:

K-6 (114), K-2: 16,18,18 (52), 3-6: 16, 12, 24, 10 (62)

HERC Building Update: The RFP is posted on the city clerk's web site.

Letter of Support: I submitted a letter of support for the Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic's R.E.C. Room. They are pursuing a grant that would allow them to provide services for 6th Graders. While some sporadic services have been provided in the past, this grant will provide consistent services.

New Employee: Sharlyn Young is back with us. She is our new non-instructional aide at BFW.

6th Grade Trip: The sixth graders left for their weeklong trip to Loonsong Lodge this morning. Mike Sturm and Stephanie are chaperoning the trip.

3rd – 5th Grade field trip: The 3rd through 5th graders leave Wednesday morning for Camp K on Kenai Lake, returning before the end of the day on Friday.

Restorative Practices: Katherine, Kim, and I have attended a workshop that provided an overview of the program. We would like to implement the program in 2019-2020.

Color Run: I have been meeting with a small group of parents, community members and educators that have been planning a Color Run scheduled for May 11th. As with the initial Color

Run the funds raised will be distributed to the schools that participate in the event. We are still in need of volunteers to help on the day of the Color Run.

Alaska World Arts Festival: I met again with Sally Oberstein and Kiirsten Styvar about artist visits during the festival. Currently, have planned on having Roger Lusby a storyteller, songwriter, and poet from New Zealand work with LFW for up to four hours a day from September 9-13. He typically works with kids to write a song, and record and perform the song. For BFW plans are to have a circus performer introduce circus arts at the beginning of a two day residency on September 16-17 (8 total hours). They will then work with the kids to teach them different circus skills. We are also planning on hosting a short cultural dance performance at WHE on September 12th. We are not sure who will perform at this point, but dancers from Africa, Hawaii, and Alaska will be attending the festival. On September 13th, all of the dance groups will have free performances at SPARC.

School district report card:

Shows PEAKS Assessments (this may be the last year for the PEAKS Assessments; the district is moving on to MAP testing which will include adaptive computerized testing, is nationally standardized and has been around for quite a while). Todd handed out the results for Math, ELA and Science. Susannah said she would create a pie chart for the results.

Kim mentioned that we are a compassionate learning community, stressing our learning outcomes and moving our kids forward. We spend a good percentage of classroom time in the arts-just finished our first year with Fireweed Frescoes.

Site Council Evaluation: Due June 1. Todd has it almost complete and will circulate it amongst the APC member prior to sending it to the district.

FY20 APC Priorities:

One campus, Updating Strategic Plan, Policies and Procedures

Motion: Bob moved to adopt the FY20 APC priorities, Jon 2nd and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

Mayday thank you notes: The Mayday celebration was a big hit. Amber and Susannah will get the thank you card written.

Policy and Procedures timeline:

Bob drew up a draft after looking at other school samples. Much will be boiler-plate. The question came up- are we creating a Policy and Procedures for FWA for the APC? It was unclear. Bob tabled the discussion.

Motion: Bon moves to rescind the previous motion in its entirety, Susannah seconded and the motion passes with unanimous consent.

Motion: Bob moves to adopt the FY20 APC priorities to include the one campus dream, and updating the strategic plan. Seconded by Susannah and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

Parent Surveys:

Kim recused herself at 5:30pm.

Rather than a discussion, the APC is taking home copies of the survey results to read. Janet will put this on the agenda for the June APC meeting.

Motion: Bob Moves to adjourn, Amber seconds and the motion passes with unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm

Submitted by Janet Bowen