

Fireweed Academy

Academic Policy Committee Approved Minutes via ZOOM

May 26, 2020

Present: Bob Shavelson, Sean Campbell, Kim Fine, Christine Faber and Crisi Matthews

Absent none

Guests: Janet Bowen, FWA Secretary, Todd Hindman, FWA Principal, Julie Engebretsen, parent

Public Comments: This is Christine Faber's last meeting. Kim thanks her for all her hard work. Julie Engebretsen is attending the meeting, as she is interested in joining.

Motion: Kim moved to approve the April and May 4, 2020 minutes, seconded by Bob and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

Motion: Kim moved to approve the May 26 agenda seconded by Bob and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

Administrators Report:

FY21 Enrollment:

FY21 Projected Enrollment: 117 Current Pre-Enrollment: 104

Enrollment: K (14), 1st (16), 2nd (16), 3rd (12), 4th (17), 5th (14), 6th (14)
K-6 (104), K-2 (47), 3-6 (57)

Promotions: Both promotions went well with only a few technical problems.

Resource Teacher Resigned: Stephanie Leslie resigned from our new Resource Teacher for 2020-2021.

Resource Teacher Hiring: I have submitted a request to hire for our new Resource teacher for 2020-2021. HR is waiting on the background check to be completed. I anticipate finalizing the hire by the end of the week.

Kindergarten Position Hiring: I have submitted a request to hire for our new Kindergarten teacher for 2020-2021. HR is waiting for final confirmation from the AK DEED regarding certification; I anticipate finalizing the hire by the end of the week.

Strategic Plan Development: I have contacted Susie Amundson and she will be available for us to facilitate the drafting of a new five year Strategic Plan.

AASB: The Alaska Association of School Boards is working with Kenai Peninsula charter schools to offer their board development training for APCs. No date has been set; initial discussions are underway.

KPBSD Work Group: Clayton Holland is heading up a 20-member work group charged with planning and preparing for the start up for schools in the fall. Erik Pederson and Kari Dendurent are part of the work group.

Committee reports:

Leadership Committee: Sean presented the principal goals for FY21

- 1) *Todd will attend two workshops/trainings/classes that focus on leadership skills that Todd identifies as areas to concentrate on. For example, attend the Alaska Association for Elementary School Principals, held in October.*
- 2) *Todd will work with staff to further develop curricular vertical alignment between Little and Big Fireweed and will facilitate and implement this in the school development plan.*

There was a discussion of measurability of these goals.

Motion: Crisi move to approve Todd's goals as amended, Christine seconds and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

PR committee-15 Ads on KBBI and Homer new continue through the end of May and will restart in August. Best advertising for Fireweed has always been grassroots-recommendation from parents. Janet will see about getting info in the chamber packets that go to relocating families.

There are many unknowns: how school will look in the fall, parents do not know whom the new Kindergarten teacher will be but he/she will be Play based, place based and project based.

APC Membership:

Motion: Crisi moved to appoint Julie Engebretsen to the Student rep seat, 2nd by Kim and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

We now have two vacant staff seats and a vacant parent rep seat.

LFW facility: Todd will call Dave Ritchie regarding the lease extension.

Strategic Planning: Crisi and Todd will get together to pre plan the strategic planning session that will hopefully be held in early fall, face to face if possible.

Motion: Kim moved to adjourn, Sean seconds and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30pm

Submitted by Janet Bowen

The next APC meeting is August 3, 2020 at 4pm.