

Fireweed Academy
Academic Policy Committee Minutes
January 4, 2021 via ZOOM

Present: Julie Engebretsen, Bob Shavelson, Sam Kirby, Stephanie Zuniga

Absent: Megan Frost, Emily Springer, Justine Weitzman (left the APC)

Staff & Guests: Todd Hindman, FWA Principal, Sharlyn Young, FWA Secretary

Public Comments: none

Approval of Agenda: Sam moved to approve Dec. 7, 2020 agenda, Bob seconded. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes: Moved to February APC agenda. Please attach December and January minutes

Admin Report: 01/04/21

FY21 Enrollment:

FY21 Projected Enrollment:

Current Enrollment in school: 82

Enrollment (in school): K (6-13), 1st (7-10), 2nd (9-10), 3rd (5), 4th (11), 5th (8), 6th (4-6)

Enrollment (remote): K (0), 1st (2), 2nd (5), 3rd (3), 4th (2), 5th (3-4), 6th (5)

Todd is discussing with Erin to possibly start a half day Kindergarten class. Bob asked what the biggest challenges are to the teaching staff. Stephanie answered burnout, particularly at Big Fireweed. Bob asked how that could be alleviated.

Web Site: The district redesigned each school's website this summer. I have been slowly modifying it to make it a viable platform for school information. It is a work in progress that I am updating as I have the time to do so.

Strategic Plan Development: Our follow up session to the original Strategic Plan workshops will be Friday, December 11th from 3 to 6 PM.

LFW Lease: Once the APC has had a chance to review changes in the lease agreement, we will need to provide it to Dave Richie and arrange to have a meeting with Dave.

Fireweed FY21 Budget: While our school budget has taken a hit this year, the hold harmless provision has helped mitigate the financial impact.

Artists in Schools: We are planning on having an AIS program at BFW with Sharlene Cline in late February. We may look at providing a similar program at LFW later in the Spring.

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Strategic Plan: Looking at work APC does and how it affects the school. Could use the goals from Strategic Plan as the APC goals. APC in agreement to use the same goals. Curriculum Methods meetings weekly from 4-6, starting Thursday 01.07.21. APC group is meeting on January 20th possibly. Communications group meeting probably in February after one of the other groups are done.

Co-Curricular and Fundraising Report: Jon ran two after school math clubs, and had about 10 students in person and 2 to 3 remote. He is planning to do another two this spring. Todd brought in \$607 from his Ice Cream sales that benefit AIS.

Committee Membership: Moved to February APC agenda.

Messaging: Safe Practices Covid-19: Bob recommends that we put our information out there more often. In emails and on the newsletter. Would like a consistent message to people, sharing the basic ideas (i.e., masks and social distancing are still relevant).

Lease Agreement: Look at setting up a meeting with Dave to review changes and get his input. No action at this time. Will send proposed changes to the APC.

Parent Survey, Report Card to the State: We need to create a survey for staff members. Getting general statements about school and staff from parents and students. Possibly give the survey during conferences, to boost up the number of submissions. Todd will send it out at some point. No action needed from the APC.

Principal Evaluation: Contracts are usually offered at the end of January. Evaluation process by APC should be completed in December in order to offer a contract with the rest of the principals in KPBSD.. Check in with John O'Brian to see he needs information from the APC, regarding whether or not Todd is offered a contract for next year. No formal evaluation this year. Bob would like parent input and to do an end of the year survey in the spring/end of the year. Also would like to create a manual on procedure for the APC for this type of situation.

Julie entertained a motion to offer Todd a contract, Bob seconded. Motion passed with unanimous agreement.

School Board: Pattie Truesdell wasn't on the phone.

Site Council Statement: Todd will take care of this. No action needed from the APC.

Closing Comments: Todd commented that it was great to have Kindergarten around and is looking forward to the rest of the kids coming back. Sam is wrapping her head around having kids back in school. Happy New Year. Stephanie no comments, Happy New Year and welcome back. Bob commented welcome Sharlyn, asked Stephanie to speak up about where the APC can help with anything. Happy New Year, and let's hope that 2021 is better than 2020. Julie commented that each day is a new day. Welcome Sharlyn, we are really glad to have you. Days are getting longer and every little bit helps. Kids are happy to be back to school. Glad to get back to a routine. Meeting adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Submitted by Sharlyn Young

