

Fireweed Academy
Academic Policy Committee Minutes
February 1, 2021 via ZOOM

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

Absent: Megan Frost, Emily Springer

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

Public Comments: NONE

Approval of Agenda: Sam moved to approve the February 1st, 2021 agenda, Julie seconded. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes: Sam moved to approve December 2020 and January 2021 minutes, Bob seconded. The motion passed with unanimous consent.

3D Printing Club: Jon would like to start an after school club for 3D printing. It will be held on Wednesdays after school from 2:15 pm -3:15 pm. It will be in 3 week groups starting as soon as February 10th. Jon is hoping for groups of 8 students. APC needs to approve the stipend for this program and reach out to Kim Smith at DO. Bob moved to approve the stipend for the 3D printing club, Sam seconded. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Admin Report:

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FY21 Enrollment:

FY21 Projected Enrollment: 117

Current Enrollment: 87

In-School Enrollment: K (13), 1st (12), 2nd (11), 3rd (7), 4th (12), 5th (10), 6th (9)

K-6 (73), K-2 (36), 3-6 (38-39)

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

K-6 (13), K-2 (5), 3-6 (8)

School Activities Increase: As the school board and district move forward with all students/families being provided the option with five day a week in-person instruction at all grade levels, they are beginning to make plans for allowing more flexibility at the school level for a variety of activities.

Parent/teacher conferences: In-person can occur with all mitigation strategies enforced. Options between in-person and remote will remain for parents.

Classroom parties/celebrations are permitted. Prepackaged food items only.

Field Trips are permitted. Mitigation plans need to be submitted to KPBSD for each field trip.

Guest speakers can be brought in the school building for classroom presentation (not whole school assemblies) -This can start happening for specific purposes. A template of questions and considerations will be developed by KPBSD.

Volunteers are permitted in schools. KPBSD is working on guidelines. This will be allowed after a few weeks of all students back in the schools. Symptom free protocol and mitigation plans must be followed (masks and distancing).

Strategic Plan Development: CCOM workgroup will be wrapping up their work in the next two weeks. The APC workgroup is currently meeting Wednesdays and the Communications workgroup will begin their work in a few weeks after one of the other groups is finished.

LFW Lease: A reminder that we will need to schedule a meeting with Dave Richie to discuss proposed lease changes.

Artists in Schools: We are hosting an AIS program at BFW with Sharlene Cline from February 22nd to March 4th.. Little Fireweed will have a residency with Sharlene the two weeks after Spring Break.

Technology Upgrades: Information Services is updating part of our computers. Some staff members will be getting new laptops and we are trading in 40 student laptops for a possible 80 Chromebooks that will be used for classroom sets at Big Fireweed.

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Lease Agreement: No action from the APC at this time. Todd and Bob are going to meet with Dave Richie to discuss the changes.

Leadership Training and Reimbursement: Todd has been asked to take some leadership courses. He is enrolled in one called Leadership Effective Critical Skills put on by ASCD. Todd would like to be reimbursed for the cost of the courses.

Bob moved to reimburse Todd for class fees; Stephanie seconded, motion passed with unanimous consent.

Conferences: Parents are signing up for conferences. We hope to have the schedules 100% complete by Friday the 5th. Sharlyn will start making phone calls on Wednesday the 3rd.

Parent/Student Survey: Todd hasn't set up the survey just yet. Though he has it ready to go. Todd will have it available by conferences.

School Board Report: Pattie not present. She is coming to visit Homer sometime soon with her granddaughter. She will be visiting the school. Julie would like to meet her and show her around Fireweed.

Site Council Report: Reminder for Todd. No action from APC at this time.

May Day Celebration: Most likely a no go this year due to Covid -19 mitigation.

Committee Membership: Roll over until the strategic plan is complete.

Closing Comments: Julie called for closing comments. Sam stated; Thanks for having her and making the meeting short and sweet. Stephanie stated; Thanks for doing closing comments before the executive session. Bob stated; Thanks staff for juggling everything you do. No comments from Todd or Julie.

Executive Session: Came to order at 4:31 pm. No motions.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm.

-Submitted by Sharlyn Young