

Fireweed Academy
APC Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2020 4PM

Members Present: Brandy McGee, Sean Campbell, Bob Shavelson, Kim Fine, Christine Faber, Crisi Matthews

Absent Members:

Staff and Guests: Todd Hindman- FWA Principal, Janet Bowen-FWA Secretary, Justine Weitzman

Public Comments: Justine Weitzman said that as a new to the school mom, she came to see what the APC meetings were all about.

Motion: Kim moved to approve the Feb 3, 2020 agenda, Bob seconded and the motion passed with amendments (added topics-Committee meetings and Timing of APC meetings)

Motion: Kim moved to approve the December 2019 minutes, Bob seconded and the motion passed unanimous consent.

Administrators Report:

Enrollment:

FY20 Projected Enrollment: 119 Current Enrollment: 125

Enrollment: K (19), 1st (14), 2nd (14), 3rd (20), 4th (18), 5th (15), 6th (25)
K-6 (125), K-2 (47), 3-6 (78)

Professional Development:

Erik attended the statewide RTI (Response to Intervention) Conference in Anchorage on January 25 and 26.

Stephanie, Jon and Sam will be attending Kagan workshops on February 14-17 in Las Vegas.

Student Teacher: Erin Pollock is working with Jon's classes for the next seven weeks.

Open Enrollment Period: February 3 through 28.

Student-Led Conferences: Friday, February 14 and Monday, February 17.

Artist in Schools: Gail Baker, mask making. Gallery Night at K-Bay Caffe on March 5.

PEAKS Testing Window: March 30 through April 17

Spring Trips: 3rd-5th grade will be going to Camp K with a side trip to Seward. The 6th grade will be going to Yukon Island. Both trips will occur the week of May 4.

Budget FY 20 Update:

Initial Budget Based on Projected Enrollment of 117: \$1,768,173

Adjusted Budget: \$2,094,152

Adjusted Max Carryover for FY21 is \$190,337

We are on track to carryover the maximum amount for FY21.

Budget FY 21 Initial Report:

Initial Budget Based on Projected Enrollment of 117: \$ 1,769,8780

Estimated Carryover from FY20: \$ 190,337

Erik Niebuhr and I spoke with Liz Hayes from the district office. She wanted us to know that she was not able to include the full rental expenditure at the projected enrollment of 117. She is not able to budget in the additional allowable and the carryover until FY21. After figuring in utilities, indirect costs and the shortfall in the budgeted rent these additional funds will provide discretionary expenditures totaling approximately \$206,000.

Student led Parent Teacher conferences: It was brought up that some parents would like to talk with teachers during the conference without the kids present. Teachers can accommodate this on an individual basis but do not need to add additional time. It will be discussed in staff meetings.

Motion: Brandy moved to approve Todd's participation in a restorative Practices conference in March. Seconded by Christine, motion passed.

Restorative Practices: On February 20 there will be an open meeting for FWA parents in the LFW Yurt with Ingrid Harrold. Diane, Katherine, Todd and Kim will help with set up.

Frescoes/Opus update: Opus is \$5,000 shy of their \$180,000 goal to fund a fulltime artistic director for the next 3 years. The Opus webpage is www.homeropus.org

APC meetings:

Motion: Brandy moved the FWA return to monthly APC meetings. Seconded by Bob. Discussion included the need for accommodating committee meeting on the same day, prior to APC meetings. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Discussion: Lynn Kee has requested to be off the PR committee. It was suggested that there be fewer committees. Brandy offered to write an email to FWA parents inviting folks to join committees, including working on the Mayday celebration and the Tech committee.

The first 20 minutes of each APC meeting could be set aside for committee meetings.

Committee meetings consist of

- On the Bus
- Public Relations
- Strong Leadership
- One Campus Dream
- Budget
- By-Laws

Tech Meeting: March 26 5:30-7:00 pm Open to the FWA community. Subject: The use of technology in school and homes.

Committee Reports:

One Campus Dream: Dave Ritchie is interested in having a 'building' conversation. Bob will keep the APC apprised as to when this will happen.

Leadership Committee: They have worked on Todd's Contract...needs to improve staff survey participation, came up with goals, and is prepared to offer Todd a contract for next year.

Kim and Christine recused themselves.

Motion: Bob moves to enter into executive session and invite Todd. Sean 2nded and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

The APC moved into executive session at 5:26pm.

The APC came out of executive session at 5:50pm.

Motion: Brandy moved to offer Todd Hindman a contract, seconded by Crisi and the motion passed by unanimous consent.

(Bob or Brandy ??)Moved to Adjourn at 5:51pm, Crisi seconded and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

Janet Bowen

The next APC meeting is March 2 at 4pm, held in the yurt at little Fireweed.