

Fireweed Academy
Academic Policy Committee Minutes
April 5, 2021 via ZOOM

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

Absent: Megan Frost

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

Public Comments: NONE

Approval of Agenda: Approved

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Admin Report:

FY21 Enrollment:

FY21 Projected Enrollment: 117 Current Enrollment: 92

In-School Enrollment: K (14 added 1), 1st (13 added 1), 2nd (15 added 1), 3rd (8 added 1), 4th (13 added 1), 5th (12), 6th (9)

K-6 (84), K-2 (42), 3-6 (42)

Remote Enrollment: K (0), 1st (1), 2nd (1), 3rd (2), 4th (0), 5th (1), 6th (3)
K-6 (8), K-2 (2), 3-6 (6)

Artists in Schools: Sharlene Cline wrapped up a successful residency last week. The ending celebration was well attended.

Leadership Classes: I wrapped up my first leadership class over Spring Break. I am currently enrolled in a new class through UAA with five KPBSD principals and about 25 others from around the state.

Enrollment Period: We are currently in our enrollment period for 2021-2022. It runs through April 30th. We are advertising in the Homer News and on KBBI.

6th Grade Trip: I am planning on the 6th grade having a set of day trips in May, starting on May 10th. Parents have been sent an initial email, letting them know our tentative plans for promotion.

Admission Policies & Lottery Procedures: With our new enrollment periods, our Admission Policies will need to be updated. I have identified an issue that will need to be addressed by the Academic Policy Committee in our Lottery Procedures (early entrance). Are we going to hold places for the early entrances?

Lease Agreement: We'll need to set up a meeting with Dave Richey.

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Strategic Plan Development: Julie said that the communications group will fill in the gaps where necessary. Bob said that the APC committee is working on how the APC should run and communicate with families. Todd's committee is done with the "We Believe" statements and is working on seeing what they have left to finish.

We Believe Statements: Need to plan professional development for staff. Staff and APC need to come to consensus on the "We Believe" statements, how they should be implemented, and how there will be accountability. Julie asked for a time frame that these should be implemented, and that we need to make a time to meet to make a plan. Stephanie asked that the APC read through them. These statements will drive all decision making. They are the essence of Fireweed Academy.

APC Next Year's Priorities: Work session? The priorities are for the APC for the coming year. Todd's been thinking that the work we've been doing with the strategic plan will be helpful in forming next year's guidelines for the APC. Strengthening and working on and completing the 5 year strategic plan. Bob suggested designating a place to work out what 2021-2022 looks like. Normally we would develop a school development plan at the end of the year. Kagan and restorative practices is something we would like to continue. A goal would be to find ways for the language to be more approachable to those who aren't teachers. The methods group still has some work to do. During summer we would be reaching out to staff to help them learn how to implement. Todd needs to sit down with staff to talk and go over the changes. Chatting about priorities has been added to May's APC meeting agenda.

Student Fundraising Report 2nd Semester: Little and Big Fireweed participated in a fresh fruit fundraiser, selling over \$6,000.00. The students sold 136 boxes of fruit that should arrive in a couple of weeks. They will get \$10.00 for every box of fruit they sold, which goes into their activities account to help fund end of year field trips.

Co-Curricular Account Report: Jon is currently holding afterschool 3D Printing club every Thursday afterschool from 2:15 to 3:15. There will be a total of 6 sessions with 8 to 9 students participating each Thursday. He was able to accommodate all students interested. It has been a great success.

Site Council Statement: Todd needs this for the end of the year report for the district office. Either we are status quo or the APC will need to take action.

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm

Minutes submitted by Sharlyn Young