

Fireweed Academy

Academic Policy Committee Approved Minutes via ZOOM

April 6, 2020

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

Guests: Janet Bowen, FWA Secretary, Todd Hindman, FWA Principal

Public Comments: none

Motion: Brandy moved to approve the April 6, 2020 agenda with amendments, seconded by Bob and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

Motion: Kim moved to approve the March 2020 minutes, seconded by Brandy and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

Administrators Report:

Enrollment: FY20 Projected Enrollment: 119 Current Enrollment: 122

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K-6 (122), K-2 (45), 3-6 (77)

Artist in Schools: If you were not able to attend the Gallery Night at K-Bay Caffe on March 5th, we had a wonderful turn out. The masks turned out great and as always, it was a celebration of the importance of the arts in education.

Professional Development: The staff were busy during the extended Spring Break preparing packets to go home and attending a wide variety of professional development opportunities provided by the district. KPBSD continues to offer PD workshops this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Materials to Families: After one family that is currently in Seldovia picks up their materials, we'll have 100% of our families covered.

Phone Calls to Families: Last week, I called and spoke with or left a voicemail with all but two or three families. I am hoping to reach the rest today.

Week One: Week one is now under our belts. It went fairly smoothly, but there has been lessons learned. Staff will be making adjustments as we go. Week one focused on reconnecting with the students and getting them and their parents use to the tools we are using. Academic content will be added as we move forward.

Friday, April 10: Friday is a built in snow day. It is a day off of school for students. Staff can choose to make up for the Monday they missed after Spring Break (planning, collaboration with other KPBSD staff, etc.) or take a day of leave. I will not be working that day.

February Enrollment Period: Our February enrollment period has ended. We are currently at 103 students with only nine potential Kindergarten students

OPUS Updates: Kim reported that Opus will conduct 5 interviews this and next week for the Music Director position.

Committee reports: None. Until further notice, the committees will now meet in their own ZOOM meetings.

Fundraising Report: Janet highlighted some of the sources of fundraised Money including \$2,950 from 6th grade class fundraising (Fruit sales, telluride bake sale, Taco Lunch, Nutcracker ushering, Birdhouse sales and quilt), \$8,900 from the Fall Fundraiser, \$950 from the Color Run (last year), and \$200 from LFW t-shirts.

The Big Picture: Remote Instruction Conversation

Todd anticipates remote instruction for the rest of this school year and is optimistic about being back in our buildings by the opening of school in the fall. Last week and this week has been spent on getting families up and running from a technical standpoint. Increased academic content will follow. Crisi would like to see standards sent out so parents know what is being met and what should be prioritized. Brandy mentioned parents were treading water, kids to keep track off, working from home, they have been wrapped up in the here and now. She feels she can finally take a breath and look at future concerns.

Kim mentioned that as staff, they have been focusing on social and emotional aspect of learning, as instructed by the district. If the zoom meetings look like fun and just a social time, that was on purpose. More content will follow next week. Bob asked Todd to communicate this with parents-let them know what FWA will be offering based on standards. Todd and Kim discussed how FWA offers theme immersion, project based learning, grounded by state standards, but we are not required nor does this fit into a set curriculum.

Motion to adjourn by Brandy, 2nd by Crisis. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:13pm

Submitted by Janet Bowen

The next APC meeting is May 4 at 4pm