

Fireweed Academy
'Where students learn to view themselves as readers, writers, and problem solvers'
Academic Policy Committee Meeting
Approved Minutes
November 12, 2018

APC members present: Jon Kulhanek, Megan Palma, Lynn Kee, Bob Shavelson, Kim Fine

APC Members absent Amber Niebuhr Brandy McGee

Staff and Guests present: Todd Hindman, FWA Principal, Janet Bowen, FWA secretary, Crisi Matthews (on LOA)

In Amber Niebuhr's absence, Kim Fine will run the APC meeting.

Public Comments: Kim Fine spoke about the Fireweed Frescoes Grant we are receiving (Homer Foundation) and the upcoming Burnt Down House performance at KBay Coffee on Saturday November 24.

Crisi Matthews spoke about the HERC building and was requested to stay for part of the meeting to give more information.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Megan Palma move to approve the agenda as amended (added Fall Fundraiser and One Campus Committee) Jon Kulhanek seconded and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Lynn Kee moved to approve the October 2018 Minutes, Jon Kulhanek seconded. The motion did not pass; Bob Shavelson noticed comments regarding a letter to the board were not included in the minutes.

Administrators Report:

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Current Enrollment:

Total enrollment FWA is 116 students. K-2 has 52 students (17,18,18), 3-6 has 63 students (16, 13, 24, 10)

In-Service: Kiki provided our in-service training in October in support of the school's Mission, Vision, and Core Values

Student Led Conferences: Approximately 95% of our families attended the student led conferences.

Board Presentation: Bob and I attending the KPBSD School Board meeting last Monday. I presented a Prezi presentation of Fireweed Academy's Mission, Visio, and Core Values.

Fall Fundraiser: The fundraiser is scheduled for this Friday. At 5:15 we will have a special Fireweed Frescoes presentation by our K-2 kids. Food service will start at 5:30.

Homer Foundation Grant: Thank you to Miranda, who wrote the grant. We have received unofficial notice that the \$4,725 grant will be awarded to purchase violins for Fireweed Frescoes. We are waiting to hear the results of the CARRS grant that Kim submitted.

HERC Building Update: Erik Niebuhr and I attended a HERC Task Force meeting last Tuesday. Erik provided more information on the expenses Fireweed provides for the rental and shared facility. He also provided information on how long it would take the city to pay back a \$1,600,000 loan for remodeling if we were renting the facility for \$180,000 per year.

One Campus

Per Crisi Matthews, Budget Committee member Eric Niebuhr has been contacted by several City Council members requesting more information about Fireweed Academy and their interest in the HERC building and ability to pay rent. Erik explained how the funding worked for FWA and the Task force remains interested. Crisi Matthews reported that the last HERC Task Force meeting is Wednesday, November 13th. They will present their findings to the city Council at the November 19th meeting and release their findings on Tuesday, November 27, 2018.

Bob said he would send out an email to set up a one-campus committee meeting. He would like to help streamline and focus the letter to the board.

PEAKS testing results: Todd handed out the test results with comparisons to the district and to the State. He said it looks like PEAKS will be gone within two years and the MAPS testing will take its place.

Parent/ Staff Surveys

The APC will send out an invitation to staff and parents to participate in the Principal evaluation survey. Lynn Kee will write the invitation. Jon and Janet will create a monkey Survey for parents. Janet will forward it to all parents. Bob would like to see an increase in participation.

APC Agenda Templates

Todd created monthly APC Agenda templates with APC due dates on them and gave out samples. Bob requested a one page synopsis, Janet will email the 1 page APC due dates to APC members.

Budget Overview

Todd handed out an explanation of the FWA budget created by Eric Niebuhr. Bob requested a copy of the current GLBAL be sent to him. Janet will prepare a current GLBAL for the 100 and 710 account for each meeting.

Fall Fundraiser

Megan said she has heard negative comments from multiple parents about the fall fundraiser and the request for monetary donations/auction items. There was a discussion about whether or not we should charge for the meal. It was decided to keep things as they are and add it to the December agenda to debrief and discuss changes to the event.

Bob Shavelson suggested we create a budget policy and a fundraising policy.

Motion: Megan Palma moved to adjourn, seconded by Lyn Kee and the motion passed with unanimous consent.

Submitted by Janet Bowen

Meeting adjourned at 6pm. The next APC meeting is December 3, 2018 at 4pm at Little Fireweed