

Fireweed Academy  
APC Meeting Minutes  
December 2, 2019 4PM

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

**Absent Members:** Crisi Matthews

**Staff and Guests:** Todd Hindman- FWA Principal, Janet Bowen-FWA Secretary, Lynn Maslow

**Public Comments:** Lynn Maslow spoke about OPUS and its new umbrella role with Fireweed Frescoes, Paul Banks Preludes and HYSOC. The OPUS board plans to fundraise enough money to offer a full-time music education a 3-year contract. Their goal is \$180,000. They are working with the Anchor Point Foundation, the Homer Foundation and others.

**Motion: Bob moved to approve the agenda, Kim seconded and the motion passed with unanimous consent.**

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

**Administrators Report:**

**Enrollment:**

FY20 Projected Enrollment: 119      Current Enrollment: 129

Enrollment: K (18), K/1 (16), 1/2 (17), 3<sup>rd</sup> (21), 4<sup>th</sup> (18), 5<sup>th</sup> (14), 6<sup>th</sup> (25)  
K-6 (126), K-2 (51), 3-6 (78)

Our 20-day count to determine our funding for FY20 should come in around 126-127.

**Classified Staffing for FY20:**

Erik Pierson is our new 0.5 Intervention teacher.

**Certified Staffing for FY20:**

Margie Scholl is our new 0.5 Instructional Aide at BFW.

**Lease Extension:** We need to set a date to meet with Dave Richey.

**Professional Development:**

Stephanie held Kagan Coaching sessions with fellow staff members last week and will continue monthly sessions with all staff that has attended Kagan Cooperative Training workshops in the past.

Diane is attending a Google Apps workshop this week.

I will be attending a two-day ALICE training on January 14 and 15 in Kenai.

Diane and Katherine will be attending Kagan workshops January 17-20 in Dallas

### **Budget:**

The district will be updating our budget this month to include updated staffing and funding for our increase in enrollment. As soon as I have it, I will be forwarding it to Erik Niebuhr for his review and provide you all with a report.

**District Presentation** Todd shared the KPBSD Board of Education State Priorities

**Self-Evaluation** Todd will forward his district evaluation that he and John O'Brien and been working on to the Strong Leadership Committee.

### **Committee Reports**

**Strong Leadership:** The administrator's evaluation is due to John O'Brien on Nov 22. The Committee made this deadline but noticed that they should start earlier next year, in August. This brought up a discussion of due dates, there is an APC timeline that Todd developed and he will re-send it via email (it is attached at the end of these minutes).

**Principal surveys-**7 staff members and 44 parents participated in the surveys, up from last year. Brandy has forwarded the answers to committee members and they will be meeting next week about setting goals.

### **Public Relations**

Janet reported that while payments and donations are still coming, \$8,000 was raised from the Fall Fundraiser. It was very well attending and a great PR event.

### **School Development Plan**

Todd will forward the school development plan via email. We are working on School Climate and vertical alignment within our school. Kim, Jon and Todd are meeting this Thursday to work on the mid-year update of the plan.

### **Parent Engagement Meetings**

FWA has held two Parent Engagement meetings so far, one at each school. Kim reported that we are working on holding evening meetings so more folks could attend and working on collaborating with other community organizations such as The Rec Room. Topics include screen time for students, affective language for social and emotional learning and developmentally appropriate use of technology in the classroom. Kim is in touch with Ingrid Harrold and Linda Chamberlain about conducting these discussions. If they happen in the daytime, FWA will get subs so some teachers can attend.

## Screen Time

Comments and Questions from the discussion:

- \*Do we want a technology policy and if so, what are the next steps.
- \*Is it the place of the APC to make this decision or is it in Todd's realm?
- \*The FWA staff needs to be linked into the conversation rather than a top down policy.
- \*Perhaps a philosophical statement from the APC in line with our school would be appropriate.
- \*We use Common Sense Media...: is this effective?
- \*We need a vertical Alignment for a tech policy. Can the policy be tailored by age?
- \*We need a balance of screen time where the benefits out weigh the risks.
- \*We need feedback from educators and parents on how we want the school-based screen time to look.

**Motion: Bob Shavelson moves to direct an ad hoc committee to work with educators and parents to gather information on technology use in our school and come up with a policy for Fireweed Academy. Seconded by Sean Campbell and the motion passed unanimously.**

We will discuss this at the next in-service with staff. Bob and Sean will propose questions for teachers to be given to FWA staff prior to the next in-service on March 6<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm

Submitted by Janet Bowen

The next APC meeting is Feb 3, 2020

## APC Monthly Agenda Templates

### August:

- Principal's Leadership Plan development/completed

### September:

- Principal's Leadership Plan completed
- Fall Fundraiser

### October:

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### November:

- Parent & Staff Surveys for Principal's Evaluation
- Principal's Self-Evaluation

### December:

- APC Principal Summative Evaluation

### January:

- Co-curricular Account & Student Fundraising reports Due Feb 1, 2019
- Parent Student Survey for AK DEED's Report Card to the Public
- APC Principal Summative Evaluation

### February

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### March:

- APC Next Year's Priorities initial discussion
- May Day Celebration /Fundraiser
- Principal's Self-Evaluation

### April:

- Student Fundraising report 2nd semester & Co-Curricular Account report due May 1st
- APC Next Year's Priorities continued discussion

### May:

- School Report Card to the Public due June 1st
- Site Council Evaluation due June 2nd
- APC Next Year's Priorities adoption

### June:

- Principal Leadership Plan development after APC Priorities adoption