

Fireweed Academy
Academic Policy Committee Minutes
January 10, 2022 via ZOOM

Present: Bob Shavelson, Maygen Lotscher, Alex Koplín, Shannon Riley, Mo Wilkinson, Emilie Springer, Nick Poolos, Anna Raupp.

Absent:

Staff & Guests: Todd Hindman, Principal, Shalryn Young, Secretary, Erik Niebuhr, Catherine Laky, Laura Karstens

Public Comments: No Comments

Approval of Agenda: Bob wants to move Erik to the top of the Agenda, and a next steps meeting item at the end of the agenda. Anna moved to approve, Shannon seconded. Motion passes with unanimous consent.

Committee Workgroups: Masking committee revised the previous masking policy. New policy will stay in place until CDC has masking changes.

Approval of Minutes: 12/06 minutes: Shannon moved to approve, Nick seconded. Motion passed with unanimous consent. 12/16 minutes: Mo moved , Anna seconded. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Budget with Erik Niebuhr: Erik gave a quick summary of the budget and what our money is earmarked for. He suggested that we increase enrollment to 111 students to help with funding. Looks like we are on track so far.

Admin Report:

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FY21 Enrollment:

FY21 Projected Enrollment: 112 Current Enrollment: 104

K (12), 1st (17), 2nd (16), 3rd (16), 4th (12), 5th (18), 6th (13)

K-6 (104), K-2 (45), 3-6 (59)

Newsletter: Following suggestions received on the parent survey form, I am working out technical issues to be able to provide the newsletter in a new format that embeds the newsletter in an e-mail message.

KPBSD Charter School Committee Meeting: The Charter School Committee for the KPBSD School Board will be meeting on Tuesday, Jan 11, 2022 at 4 PM.

1. Per KPBSD Board Policy will meet once per year- Check In
2. Clarify the process when a Board member should get involved- Ex. Kaleidoscope APC Membership
3. Request the District ask the Charter Schools for up to date By-Laws
4. Request the Charter Renewal Dates for all Charter Schools
5. What is the role of the Board member for the Charter Schools?
6. Request the following DO members to participate to be available to answer questions if needed- Liz /Finance, Bob or Kevin/Special Education, Kari, Clayton
7. Request the following administrators to participate- Dawn, John, Cody, Todd

Nurse for LFW: The nurse position for Little Fireweed is still posted. The position will provide a nurse for the first three hours of the school day, Monday through Friday.

Strategic Plan: The staff have finished our work aligning our methods to the We Believe statements. I have contacted Susie Amundsen to update the documents we have been working on.

School Website: Updates continue to be added as needed.

End Report.

APC Priorities: Spoke about our APC turn over and not having policies for the new members to guide them. Would like to try to start trying to get some priorities in line to maximize time and allow APC to better use it's time. Discussed a path forward to adjust/update/change our bylaws. Anna moved to make our bylaws a priority for this year, Shannon seconded. Goes to vote, motion passed with unanimous consent. Maygen moved to make the principal evaluation policy a priority as a first step in fleshing out the policy manual, Emilie seconded. Motion passed with unanimous consent.

Principal's Evaluation Committee Report: Sent the Principal evaluation report to APC members, and submitted it to Clayton Holland at the district. Need to make some adjustments to the calendar. So that the committee is not rushed.

Co-Curricular/Fundraising Reports:

Co-Curricular

This year Jon has taken on an after school STEAM club. This club encompasses Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. STEAM club began meeting in the beginning of second quarter. 19 students participated. Jon thinks there should be about the same turn out for 3rd quarter. He will be bringing out the 3D printer for 4th quarter after Spring Break, and suspects that he will have a jump in attendance from students.

Student Fundraising

Students school wide participated in our Fresh Fruit Fundraiser during late October and early November. Collectively we brought in 191 boxes of fruit, we increased our order by 55 boxes.

The students earned \$3,185 to go towards Artists in the Schools and end of year 6th grade field trips.

End Report.

Fundraising brainstorming moved to our next meeting.

Future Meeting Dates/Times: In response to a parent email concerning not being able to attend an APC meeting. Could we move our meeting to an “afterwork meeting time,” 6-7 pm to allow for more parent involvement. Anna proposed moving our March meeting to 6 pm to see if it makes a difference for working parents. We will meet at 6pm on Feb. 28th and April 4th.

Site Council Statement: Todd will add his notes .

Add in (agenda catch all): Circulate the budget with the APC meeting packet PDF.

Closing comments: Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm

Minutes submitted by Sharlyn Young