

Fireweed Academy  
Academic Policy Committee Minutes  
March 21, 2022 via ZOOM and in person at WHE Library  
Meeting called to order at 4 PM

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

**Absent:** Maygen Lotscher

**Staff & Guests:** Todd Hindman, Principal, Sharlyn Young, Secretary, Catherine Laky, Nicky Pinsky, Jean Hughs, Corbin Arno, Ashley Gregoire

**Public Comments:** We heard from Corbin Arno, Nicky Pinsky, Jean Hughs, Ashley Story, Catherine Laky.

**Approval of Agenda:** Mo moved to approve the 03.21.22 agenda. Anna seconded. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

**Committee Work Groups:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Mo moved to approve the February 28, 2022 minutes. Alex seconded. Motion passes with unanimous approval.

**Admin Report:**

Admin Report 03/21/2022

**FY22 Enrollment:**

FY22 Projected Enrollment: 112                      Current Enrollment: 104

K (12), 1<sup>st</sup> (17), 2<sup>nd</sup> (17), 3<sup>rd</sup> (15), 4<sup>th</sup> (12), 5<sup>th</sup> (18), 6<sup>th</sup> (13)

K-6 (104), K-2 (46), 3-6 (58)

**Resignation:** Katherine Nitcy submitted a letter of resignation. Her family will be moving out of state to attend to family needs. A job requisition has been submitted to the HR Department to get the vacancy posted.

**Maternity Leave:** Erin is out on maternity leave.

**Strategic Plan Meeting:** The continuation of the development of Fireweed's Strategic Plan with Susie Amundsen will continue on Thursday, March 24th in the WHE Library from 5 - 6:15 PM.

**Enrollment Period:** April 1st marks the beginning of our enrollment period for 2022-2023. Advertisements have been submitted for KBBI and the Homer News. The enrollment period ends on April 29th.

**Title 1 Parent Resource Center:** The Title 1 parent resource center in the big yurt is coming along. Most of the shelving and other furniture is getting set up. We are awaiting the arrival of the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) books to arrive from the Homer Bookstore. Once we have the center ready to go, we will be holding our Spring Title 1 meeting to introduce parents to the resource.

**Artist in Schools:** BFW will be hosting and AIS residency with Sharlene Cline beginning on March 28th and ending on April 1.

**AK STAR:** The Alaska System of Academic Readiness assessment for Grade 3 - 6 will be given the week of April 11th. Parents have been requested to avoid medical appointments for students before Noon that week.

**CDC Mask Guideline Update:** Floor was opened for discussion about updating our masking policy.

**Motion:** Anna moved to have Fireweed Academy follow CDC COVID-19 community level mask recommendation which are aligned to precautions for education setting with those for other community settings, Mo seconded. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

**Principal Evaluation Policy:** Approval of new principal evaluation policy and time line discussion.

**Motion:** Mo moved to adopt the principal evaluation policy, Shannon seconded. Motion passed with unanimous approval.

**Leadership Transition:** Discussion was opened up on how to handle Principal transition. A leadership transition committee was formed.

**Motion:**

**Agenda Revision:** Discussion on possible new agenda set up. New agenda was adopted.

**Motion:**

**Bylaws:** APC was reminded about the changes that were made on the approved bylaws. Floor was opened up for a discussion.

**Motion:**

**Annual Meeting/Elections:** Annual meeting and elections will be held this spring, on May 2 with a soft start at 5:00 pm.

**Motion:**

**APC Member Transition:** Open APC positions will be advertised in the newsletter and via email as soon as possible.

**Motion:** Mo moved to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm. Minutes submitted by Sharlyn Young