

Fireweed Academy  
Academic Policy Committee Minutes  
December 1, 2022

**1. Present:** Bob Shavelson, Anna Raupp, Mo Wilkinson, Rachael Kincaid

**Absent:** Emilie Springer, Josh Krohn, Shannon Riley

**2. Staff & Guests:** Kyle Darbonne, Principal, Sharlyn Young, Secretary, Eric Neibuhr

**3. Public Comments:**

**4. Approval of Agenda:** Bob added an item under Calendar "Policy." Mo moved to approve, Seconded by Anna. Motion carried.

**5. Approval of Minutes:** Mo moved to approve, Anna seconded. Motion carried.

## **6. Old Business**

**Coffee with APC/PTO Formation Meeting:** Coffee with the APC had a good turn out, 14 participants. Had a guest speaker from the Coalition to talk about what they are working on. Next coffee with the APC on Feb. 16th at 8AM. PTO formation had 13 people attended and were added to the email list. Gretta Mahowald and Maddie Lightsey will co-chair and will organize the meeting on Feb. 9th at 3:30PM. Documents in the meeting packet.

**Feb 23 Tech. Roundtable & Survey:** Bob spoke about this at the last coffee with the APC. Documents in the meeting packet. Surveys will go out Feb. 6th and be open for at least 3 weeks.

**Strategic Plan Outline:** Documents are in the meeting packet. Bob went over it again quickly.

**Principal Eval:** Last year Anna and Maygen Lotscher (former APC member) put together a timeline of the principal evaluation (Principal's Leadership Plan). Anna spoke about the AASB timeline and what the district requires.

**Calendar:** Deferred to next meeting

**Policy:** Bob would like to use the student handbook as a starting point for the policy manual. Bob would like to have a usable revised version of this by the end of the year.

## **7. New Business**

**Financial Report:** Eric went over the budget. Everything looks good and on par, no remarkable change.

**Admin Report:**

**Admin Report 2/3/2023**

**FY23 Enrollment:**

FY23 Projected Enrollment: 96 Current Enrollment: 105 (111 with Connections students receiving services)

- K (16), 1st (14), 2nd (17), 3rd (18), 4th (14), 5th (10), 6th (16)

- K-6 (105), K-2 (47), 3-6 (58)

Budget: 6

th grade field trips and Artists in the Schools have totaled ~\$5,000/year in the recent past. While we

have money to spend from general funds that could cover this, I'd like to not make this an on-going trend!

Parent Communication:

- New changes going smoothly so far, interested to hear some of your thoughts on accessing links, ease of use...etc.

Marketing Update: Josh and I met surrounding the needs for a 'branding package' and would like to do it as

locally and comprehensively as possible, with the opportunity to add/modify things in the future.

- Not much response from survey, but had a few folks reach out individually.

BFW Schedule Change: Specials time has been going well so far! Students now are getting a day of PE per

week as well as library time with Shannon. This also created space to bring Sue Biggs to support K-6 in the

Linkup music program.

- Our recorders have gone missing, but Sue reached out to her contacts and was able to borrow 60

recorders for BFW. Not a long term solution, but we are very grateful for her and her supportive network!

Principal Evaluation Goals/Priorities – Plan being developed with the committee.

- Focused on Culture and Communication

- Additive in nature vs change

- Building trust, increasing school resources, supporting staff, consistent communication

Conferences: Conferences happening 2/16, 2/17. These are separate from I-Team

(Intervention) meetings that

will be scheduled around similar times over the next few weeks.

**END REPORT**

**School Charter:** Kyle went over that "whole language reading" needs updated in the Charter. Current charter expires in 2027.

**Principal Summative Eval.:**

**Peony Co Op Fundraiser:** Could be a great fundraiser. Anna will put in front of the PTO at next meeting.

**8. Closing Comments:**

**9. ADJOURN:** Anna moved to adjourn.

**ADJOURN @ 5:13PM**

**Minutes submitted by Sharlyn Young**