

Fireweed Academy  
Academic Policy Committee Minutes  
October 06, 2022

**Present:** Bob Shavelson, Alex Koplin, Anna Raupp, Rachael Kincaid, Shannon Riley

**Absent:** Nick Poolos, Mo Wilkinson, Emilie Springer

**Staff & Guests:** Kyle Darbonne, Principal, Sharlyn Young, Secretary, Eric Neibuhr, Greta Mahowald, Olympia Piedra

**Public Comments:** No Public comments

**Approval of Agenda:** add a financial update with Eric .

**Eric's Financial report:** He spoke about what our budget looks like so far this year. Some of what we can expect moving forward.

Shannon arrived. Now we have a quorum at 4:00PM.

**Approval of Minutes from September:** Shannon moved to approve, Anna seconded. Motion carried.

**Secretary Reclassification Issue:** Quickly went over this again. Spoke about next steps.

**Motion:** Anna moves that the APC pens a letter of support for Sharlyn to reclassify from a secretary II to a secretary III. Rachael seconded. Letter would be finalized by our next meeting. Motion carried.

**Admin Report:**

**Admin Report 10/6/2022**

FY23 Enrollment:

FY23 Projected Enrollment: 96 Current Enrollment: 109

- K (15), 1st (14), 2nd (18), 3rd (18), 4th (14), 5th (13), 6th (17)
- K-6 (109), K-2 (47), 3-6 (62)

ESSER Instructional Aide: We have received grant (temporary) .88 FTE funding to hire either a 7-hour instructional aide or two 3.5-hour aides. This funding is to target learning loss over the past few years. Requisitions submitted 9/28/22.

Title 1 Funding Priorities:

- Vertically aligned reading curriculum that makes sense for Fireweed
- BFW Resource Library
- Potential for Be Vibrant after school program

Budget Update: We have access to our funds! Due to the delay and how fundraising was left from last year, we have had to dip into the general fund to pay bills, buses, and supplies. Hopefully we can replenish the funds through fundraising efforts.

APU Partnership Update: APU Student has reached out for observation hours at Fireweed – all levels.

Winter Variety Show: BFW students and staff have expressed interest in a winter variety show where classes can create a musical performance alongside individual acts (auditions required). Tentatively looking at the early release day in December.

- Potential fundraising opportunity

Be Vibrant After School Program: Amy Komar LaPlant has created a proposal for an after-school program that fits with the Fireweed philosophy and themes. Now, let's figure out how to make this work!

October Days Out: I need to be out of the building multiple times in the next few weeks.

- MANDT – Homer (6-7)
- State Admin Conference - Anchorage (13-15)
- Charter/APC Training – Kenai (20-21)

Grade split: Parent meeting regarding our 4th and 5th grade split. They brought forth some ideas on how to make some adjustments.

Promoting Fireweed: I will be promoting Fireweed more in the community going forward. I have a table at the rotary health fair.

## **END REPORT**

**Volunteer Coordinator Streamline:** Anna read Olympia's statement. Would like to create a better outline of the duties for the Volunteer Coordinator position and appropriate ways for them to contact parents. Created a Volunteer Coordinator Streamline committee in place of the one campus committee.

### **Motion:**

**Committee Work:** Fundraising, Screens, and One Campus. Anna will be the temp Fundraising lead and will begin identifying volunteers/fundraising opportunities. Bob will lead the Screen time committee. Rachael will lead the One Campus committee. Bob will pull together a draft email to send out to everyone regarding the committees. Sharlyn will send out a sign up genius.

### **Motion:**

**AASB Training in October:** Friday the 21st in Kenai. Bob, Emilie and Anna will go to the training in Soldotna.

### **Motion:**

**Susie Amundsen:** One hour training. Hold off on this.

**Motion:**

**New Charter Application:** Bob has a copy of the application. He will follow up with Kay Stern, lead of the application for Homer Forest School, and report back.

**Motion:**

**Coffee with the APC:** Anna went over what this is and why we do it. Possibly happening two weeks before monthly APC meetings, each month. Alternating schedule between Little Fireweed and Big Fireweed. Tentative first meeting will be on October 20 from 8 to 8:55 AM. Sharlyn will look into space availability at Little.

**Motion:**

**Adjourn:** Shannon moved to adjourn the meeting.

**@ 5:28 PM**