

**Fireweed Academy  
Academic Policy Committee  
(10/5/2023) Meeting Minutes**

**WE BELIEVE...**

- Students learn best through hands-on experiences & reflecting on those experiences.
- Music, arts & creative self-expression nurture strong learners and responsible citizens.
- In nurturing a compassionate learning community.
- The natural & cultural community of Kachemak Bay is fertile ground for learning.
- In building skills for engaged & responsible citizenship.
- Mindful use of technology is critical for 21<sup>st</sup> century learners.
- Engaged families make a better school and a better future for our kids.

**Attendance:**

Anna Raupp, Chair (Comm. Rep. 05-24) - <i>present</i>	Bob Shavelson (Comm. Rep. 05-25) - <i>present</i>
Tessa Sullivan, Vice Chair (Parent Rep. 05-25) - <i>present</i>	Brianna Lee (Parent Rep. 05-24) - <i>present</i>
Rachael Kincaid, Secretary (Student Rep. 05-24) - <i>present</i>	Rebecca King (Staff Rep. 05-24) - <i>present</i>
Olympia Piedra, Treasurer (Student Rep. 05-25) - <i>present</i>	Elizabeth Maver (Staff Rep. 05-25) - <i>excused</i>

**CALL TO ORDER: 3:38pm**

**Staff & Guests:** Kyle Darbonne, Principal; Krys Evensen, FWA teacher; Carly Garay, FWA teacher

**Public Comments:** Krys: Proposes a yearbook, will form committee and update APC

**Admin Report:** in packet

**Approval of Agenda:** Olympia requested to add “One Campus Dream” to New Business. Bob requested to add “Meeting Minutes Policy” to New Business. Rachael moved to approve as amended. Rebecca seconded. No objections; agenda approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** Bob moved to approve minutes from 9/7/23. Tessa seconded. No objections; minutes approved.

**Financial Report:** Anna will request this month’s report from Erik and send to APC.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PTO update** - Meeting minutes in packet. Great engagement this year; things moving along for Harvest Festival. 6th Grade fundraising meeting with staff 10/13.

**Coffee w/APC** - Next 10/19; plan to discuss principal eval and teacher feedback

**APC Onboarding** - Bob to formalize packet for approval at next APC meeting

**APC/PTO members attending Staff meeting** - 10/3, positive experience

**Principal Leadership plan** - Copies sent to APC last month; new plan later this winter

**Fireweed policy manual** - Bob working on this

***NEW BUSINESS:***

**Meeting Minutes Policy** - Bob to draft for next meeting

**Principal Eval Committee** - Survey after conferences, with summative evaluation to district by 12/10. Committee helps Kyle update his plan with new data, to be approved by APC in late winter. Olympia & Tessa volunteered, along with a teacher TBD (Rebecca or Elizabeth) to help with plan portion after survey data is synthesized.

**One Campus Dream** - Brianna moved to create a “One Campus Dream Committee” comprised of APC, PTO, and staff members. Bob seconded. No objections; motion passes.

**Environmental Ed & Outdoor Time** - several teachers have outdoor ed background and want to engage in dialogue; *Last Child in the Woods* recommended for a group book club

**APC Info Availability** - Minutes haven’t been updated since Feb; we are aware and working on it

**Closing Comments:** none

**ADJOURN:** Rachael moved; 5:12pm

**Submitted by:** Rachael Kincaid