

**Fireweed Academy  
Academic Policy Committee  
(5/2/2024) 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>excused</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>
Open seat (Student Rep. 05-25) – N/A	Elizabeth Maver (Staff Rep. 05-25) - <i>present</i>

**CALL TO ORDER: 3:35pm**

**Staff & Guests:** Kyle Darbonne, Krys Evensen, Irene Saxton

**Public Comments:** Krys shared Student Council updates – official as of spring semester. \$500 raised with penny fundraiser for yearbooks, which are on the way! Great momentum and energy to build on for student government ideas next year.

**Approval of Agenda:** Brianna moved with amendment (addition of charter review form and AASB training opportunity discussion), Tessa seconded, no objections, motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes:** Becky moved to approve April 2024 minutes, Tessa seconded, no objections, motion passed.

**Financial Report:** Erik Niebuhr’s report in packet.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**PTO Update:** Tessa spoke to report, in packet.

**One Campus Dream Committee:** Brianna spoke to report, in packet. Next meeting 5/24.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Admin Report:** Kyle spoke to report, in packet.

**APC Priorities, 24/25 School Year:** Committee agreed on: policy manual, revised charter, strategic plan outline.

**Attendance:** Elizabeth requested formal policy and/or statement for 24/25 school year. Elizabeth and Becky agreed to scope the problem with data (tardies vs. absences, grade levels, etc.).

**ACTION ITEM:** Kyle to gather with Elizabeth, Becky, and Tessa to craft a statement for Family Orientation next year.

**Public Recognition of Staff Accomplishments:** AASB recommends; Anna solicited feedback on how best to do this throughout the year and how the APC can support. **ACTION ITEM:** Kyle to incorporate into this year's graduation celebrations and social media.

**Strategic Plan/Bylaws Update:** No changes recommended by Bob, per Anna. Committee agrees to leave for now and update next year as part of priorities mentioned above.

**Seating of New/Returning APC members:** Brianna was reelected by school community/parent vote. Irene Saxton, present today, shared her background and interest in serving on the APC. Brianna moved to seat Irene on the APC, Elizabeth seconded, roll call vote was unanimous (Bob absent/abstained), motion passed.

**Charter School Annual Review Form: Kyle** and Anna have already worked on this. Anna asked for some feedback and clarity from committee today. **ACTION ITEM:** Anna to send to Kyle for final review and submission.

**AASB Training:** Anna offered September options for APC to attend in-person training with other charter schools on the peninsula. Cost is approximately \$500-1000 and will come from general fund. Brianna moved to approve expenditure and scheduling, Elizabeth seconded, no objections, motion passed.

**APC Officer Elections:**

- **Chair:** Anna nominated Rachael, who agreed to accept. Tessa moved, Brianna seconded, no objections, motion passed.
- **Vice:** Anna nominated Tessa, who agreed to accept. Irene moved, Brianna seconded, no objections, motion passed.
- **Secretary:** Anna nominated Brianna, who agreed to accept. Tessa moved, Brianna seconded, no objections, motion passed.
- **Treasurer:** Anna nominated Irene, who agreed to accept. Brianna moved, Tessa seconded, no objections, motion passed.

**Closing Comments:** **ACTION ITEM:** Rachael to schedule summer retreat in early August.

**ADJOURN: 4:56pm**

**Submitted by:** Rachael Kincaid