

**Fireweed Academy  
Academic Policy Committee  
(10/3/2024) 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:**

Rachael Kincaid, Chair (Comm. Rep. 05-25) - <i>present</i>	Bob Shavelson (Comm. Rep. 05-25) - <i>present</i>
Tessa Sullivan, Vice Chair (Parent Rep. 05-25) - <i>present</i>	Rebecca King (Staff Rep. 05-25) - <i>present</i>
Brianna Lee, Secretary (Parent Rep. 05-26) - <i>present</i>	Elizabeth Maver (Staff Rep. 05-25) - <i>present</i>
Irene Saxton, Treasurer (Student Rep. 05-25) - <i>excused</i>	Open seat

**CALL TO ORDER: 3:30pm**

**Staff & Guests:** Kyle Darbonne, Ash-lee Waddell, Cheryl Tolman, Travis Brown, Sue Reynolds

**Public Comments:** Travis and Sue came to learn about Fireweed Academy’s use of technology in the classroom and have concerns as parents as to why they did not know tablets were being used in 1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom.

**Approval of Agenda:** Becky moved approval with amendment (addition by Rachael under old business of Strategic Plan draft), Elizabeth seconded, no objections, motion passed.

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

**Financial Report:** Eric NA, Kyle summarized and will get printed report at next Nov. meeting

**Treasury Report:** NA

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**AASB Training Report:** Tessa and Elizabeth attended, spoke on training being a positive and educational experience. Resources from training will be shared with APC.

**Strategic Plan Draft:** Rachael spoke on progress, continuing to edit draft, working with Bob as mentor. Bob shared informative drawing of inverted triangle. **ACTION ITEM:** Rachael will send working draft of Strategic Plan to new group members.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Admin Report:** Kyle spoke to report in packet, addition of new “school profile” the district is requiring all Principles to present (one page) that will be shared out on website (mission, vision, student:teacher

ratio). Title 1 federal funding coming back next year, recent surge of youth and adult volunteers at both schools! Spoke on the restorative circle that took place with BFW on 10/2/24. Impactful and positive experience for students and staff.

**Proposed amendment to bylaws:** Rachael spoke on revisions included in packet and entertained a motion to discuss, Becky moved to approve, Tessa seconded, revisions to bylaws approved.

**Electing and seating new members:** Bob moved to seat Ash-Lee Waddell and Cheryl Tolman, Elizabeth seconded, elected both members filling 2 APC seats.

**Technology discussion:** Guests Travis and Sue (parents from LFW) were conflicted with lack of info/policy shared out to parents about use of Screens in the classroom. ACTION ITEM: APC and staff members will work together to draft up a technology policy for both Big and Little Fireweed ASAP. Share draft at next November meeting.

**Challenger Center 5th/6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip:** Elizabeth got a grant for the trip, needs bus funding. ACTION ITEM: Kyle will get bus funds transferred over for field trip.

**Closing Comments:**

***ADJOURN: 4:47pm***

**Submitted by:** Brianna Lee