

**Fireweed Academy
Academic Policy Committee
(1/9/2025) 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 21st-century learners.
- Engaged families make a better school and a better future for our kids.

Attendance:

Rachael Kincaid, Chair (05-25) – <i>present, online</i>	Bob Shavelson (05-25) - <i>present</i>
Tessa Sullivan, Vice Chair (05-25) - <i>present</i>	Rebecca King (05-25) - <i>present</i>
Brianna Lee, Secretary (05-26) - <i>present</i>	Elizabeth Maver (05-25) - <i>present</i>
Irene Saxton, Treasurer (05-25) – <i>excused, bad roads and internet out</i>	Cheryl Tolman (05-26) - <i>present</i>
	Ash-lee Waddell (05-26) – <i>present, online</i>

CALL TO ORDER: 3:34pm

Staff & Guests: Mike Smith, Kyle Darbonne

Public Comments: none

Approval of Agenda: Bob made a motion to approve, and Brianna seconded

Approval of Minutes: Tessa made a motion, and Elizabeth seconded

OLD BUSINESS:

Strategic Plan: Rachael spoke on the final draft, Bob discussed APC priorities, and Tessa made a motion to approve, unanimous yay, approved, and adopted.

Policy Manual: Bob spoke on progress; he is still working on it and will report back at the next meeting.

Financial Information:

One Campus Dream Committee: Bob spoke, recapped the last meeting, and shared a mock-up campus site plan, 2 paths (private vs public). Urgency, the time is now. Next OCDC meeting Jan. 16th. Work on Dev. Plan.

NEW BUSINESS:

Admin Report: in the packet, Kyle spoke about the importance of finding out “what is the shared vision about why people love FWA, and why other families should choose this school. Also, the big yurt at LFW got insulated!

Financial Report: in the packet

Coffee with the APC: Tessa spoke on low attendance; Rachael would like to honor the coffee schedule and finish off the year. Think about a rebrand for next year; “Coffee with Kyle” or something not directly related to APC.

Communications: Bob spoke on the plan outline, in the packet, templates need filling in, FWA website needs work.

Closing Comments: Kyle corrected the PTO dates, and sent out the revision, The Next PTO meeting is on Jan. 23rd

ADJOURN: 4:37 pm

Submitted by: Brianna Lee