

**Fireweed Academy
Academic Policy Committee
(2/6/2025) 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:

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| Rachael Kincaid, Chair (Comm. Rep. 05-25) - absent | Bob Shavelson (Comm. Rep. 05-25) - absent |
| Tessa Sullivan, Vice Chair (Parent Rep. 05-25) - present | Rebecca King (Staff Rep. 05-25) - present |
| Brianna Lee, Secretary (Parent Rep. 05-26) - present | Elizabeth Maver (Staff Rep. 05-25) - present |
| Irene Saxton, Treasurer (Student Rep. 05-25) - present | Cheryl Tolman (05-26) - present |
| Ash-Lee Waddell (05-26)- present | |

CALL TO ORDER:

Staff & Guests: Kyle Darbonne, Mike Smith

Public Comments: Mike Smith shared ideas about budget cuts and his interest in school curriculum and policy.

Approval of Agenda: Irene moved to approve; Ash-Lee seconded

Approval of Minutes: Irene moved to approve; Ash-Lee seconded

OLD BUSINESS:

Policy Manual: Tessa spoke; the draft is attached to the packet, and it has been updated for the group. She will share a link to the Google Drive so that the APC committee can have a sharing space. Bob emailed that he is going to push for updating the parent-student handbook, and then we will continue to work on/ build the policy manual

One Campus Dream Committee: Brianna spoke on group progress; the next meeting is on Wed. Feb. 19, at 3:30 in Carly's room.

Charter Renewal: Tessa and Kyle spoke about the progress, which is still ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Admin Report: Kyle spoke, in packet, highlighted listening/ community event. Importance of building "Community Vision."

Financial Report: Irene shared a printout and spoke on current finances. Irene will add in PTO/friends of FWA funds/account to include on the next report. Her document will be attached to the next meeting packet/minutes.

Friends of Fireweed (name change, etc.): Tessa said that PTO will now be referred to as FoFA (Friends of Fireweed Academy).

PTO (meeting updates): Tessa and Ash-Lee spoke about updates and how they will be transparent about funds and gave some funds to OPUS. Ash-Lee suggested a Janitorial checklist for LFW to ensure things are up to standard.

Communication Plan: group will discuss at next meeting

Outreach: group will discuss at next meeting

Closing Comments: none

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Submitted by: Brianna Lee