APC Meeting 3/5/2026

APC Members: Irene Saxton, Anna Raupp, Kay Sturm, Mo Wilkinson
Absent: Becky King, Hayley Walters, Haley Balog, Jane Beck, Maddie Lightsey
Staff/Guests: Kyle Darbonne

3:33 pm Call to order

Public Comments: None

Consent Agenda: Agenda, Last Meeting's Minutes, Admin Report. Motion to approve the consent by Mo, seconded by Kay.

Old Business:

a. Charter Renewal: Kyle worked a lot on 3, 4, 5, 6 last month. Found that 3 was the section that we could really get into the meat of what Fireweed is. A few appendices need to be finished but the information has been gathered and ready to be inputted. Section 4 discussed extra things that Fireweed does (guest speakers, trainings, etc.). Section 5 is on facility and it was written for what it is currently. Specifically wanted areas of growth (KPB land lease application submitted, moving to a different location with consolidation, etc.). Section 6- lottery system has been discussed and drafted in the past and the next step is to bring to the APC for approval. Request for the APC to look over 3 and 6 before the next meeting.
b. Stakeholder Meeting: Kay drafted a stakeholder information collection plan. Tier 1- Parent Input Survey. Tier 2- informal coffee with Kyle + APC meeting (5-7 people to join that were invited). Tier 3- formalized focus group (with different people), evening event with parents. Tier 4- student consultancy (possibly 2 cycles of this). Dates are tentative. Thinking about the APC members who would want to be involved. Irene can help with evening and Mo can help with the Tier 4.
c. PR Committee Overview: no updates at this time

New Business:

a. School Consolidation: Charter has put the end to consolidation, which has given some relief to PBE parents/kids. Looming anticipation continues as consolidation is still on the books.
b. Measuring Growth from PLP: Kyle thinks that adding to the agenda as a standing item can help with follow through. Communication questions that changes are happening with input from only 12+ people; it is ultimately evolving to figure out what is going to be the best idea (emails, Remind app, etc.) BFW teachers are excited to change up the schedule in a way that will provide more focus on the kiddos.
c. APC Role Transition: Discussion of what the APC could look like in the future; how can we continue to have people showing up and serving on the board. Thinking about 3 people who in our own lives we can reach out to join / be a part of the APC. Ask for APC member applications in by March 31st, to discuss on the meeting on the 2nd of April. Officers will be decided at the April 30th meeting.

d. Financial Report: 400K in unencumbered balance- some of will be utilized for operating expenses; 20% not earmarked for expenses.
e. Admin Report: Deadline to spend Title funds by tomorrow. Kyle was debating purchasing the PBL Teach Program
f. Friends of Fireweed: FoFA met recently - desire to have a shared meeting- possibly the Annual APC meeting; decided to have the combined meeting on April 30th (which would be our last APC meeting). Irene will send out homework / reminders to the APC for tasks for the next meeting. Kyle will create a google form for interested parties to fill out. Preparation for Festival of Strings.
g. APC Responsibilities from the contract: Anna met with Kari who was able to clarify some questions APC had regarding their responsibilities regarding days worked, timesheets, etc. Still required to evaluate him by Jan 15th of each year, submitting the new contract, etc.
h. Admin report: thinking of ways to increase enrollment
i. Agenda items for next month: going over forms submitted for new APC members

Motion to adjourn at 5:00pm

Next APC meeting April 2nd
APC/FoFA meeting combined April 30th - will be in the Yurt with snacks and childcare