



Academic Policy Committee  
September 14, 2023 \* 758 N. Shoreline Drive Wasilla, AK

## Agenda

### The Charter Vision:

Our vision is that our children and youth become life-long learners and are successful in their chosen path.

**Our Mission:** Our children and youth receive a world-class education through exceptional Alaska Native culture and values-based learning opportunities preparing them for success in their future endeavors.

- Land Acknowledgement & Invocation
- Call to Order
- Roll Call
  - Elena Gorovaya *Present*
  - Esther Shade *Present*
  - Sara Engen *Present*
  - Isha Twitchell *Present*
  - Karen Don *Present*
  - Michele Harmeling *Present*
  - Geraldine Nicoli-Ayonayon *Present*
- Approval of current Agenda *Elena makes motion approve agenda, Sarah seconds, motion passes.*
- Approval of Minutes for August 17, 2023, *Elena makes motions approve minutes, Isha seconds, motion passes.*

### 1. Committee Reports & Updates

- A. Principal report: *Enrollment currently at 193 hopeful to make it to 200. AIMS web testing is completed. Iready diagnostics completed. Feedback is good from parents. The mobile bathroom was an issue and wasn't good.*  
*Staff: Custodian and lunch and recess are vacant. They have advertised on Facebook. New position Charter School Assistant ½ or ¾ time that's flexible position help with 4 lunch sessions.*  
*Facility: Drop off loop is going well. Portable 19 ceiling is being fixed. Space heaters are being used because there is no heat. Portable 20 office space office space is being worked on. Mobile bathrooms have no heat and are getting worked on for secondary students. Bathroom breaks are hard, it takes 20 minutes out of learning time at least and it needs to be fixed. Leasing units, renting out 17 but only use 16. \$1900 of space not being occupied.*  
*MOA is complete with CITC for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> and will allow students to learn how to use fab lab and tools.*  
*Title 1 funding \$63,798 last year to allocate to staff and opens up out of discretionary funds but staff will be monitored.*  
*Classroom sizes are trying to keep it to 22 minimum. Currently 30 students in correspondence.*

### 2. Old Business



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B. Mascot & Colors Committee

*Temporary mascot Northern Lights  
Picking colors will be the same process as mascot starting with student art submissions.  
Start next week.*

**3. New Business**

D. Calendar approval

Several charter schools in our district are challenging the way in which charter school calendars are approved. Currently, we create an APC approved calendar following district office guidelines, and then it gets approved by the school board. State statute reads **Sec. 14.03.255. Organization and operation of a charter school.** (a) A charter school operates as a school in the local school district except that the charter school (1) is exempt from the local school district's textbook, program, curriculum, and *scheduling requirements*. The state has confirmed that *scheduling requirements* include school calendars. The request of some other charters is that we would create our calendar, ensure it has all the required student and staff contract days, PD days, etc... and approve it through the APC only. They are asking if we would like to join in this request to change the process.

*APC supports the letter and chooses to make their own calendar.*

*Isha makes motions and Karen seconds, motions pass.*

E. Fund raising committee.

*Grant that has been purchasing school supplies will be ending soon and creating a fundraising committee might be good. Discussion was made and will be followed up next APC.*

**4. Persons to be heard & Member Comments**

*Isha: Elders and Youth in October, same time as testing for school district. The charter school will have a booth.*

**5. Date and time of next meeting and adjournment**

*Isha makes motion to adjourn, Michelle seconds.*

October 12, 2023, at 5:00 pm