



Rilke Schule
Academic Policy Committee
Special Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, 11 March 2025
5:00 PM @ Zoom

In accordance with Alaska State Statute, the Rilke Schule APC, under contract with the Anchorage School Board, operates this charter school. The purpose of the Academic Policy Committee is to provide strategic governance for the school and its future. The board meets publicly to conduct the business of the school. The board is comprised of voting and advisory members representing parents, faculty and staff. Parent-elected representatives serve staggered, three-year terms with elections every February. The Academic Policy Committee values public comments and encourages all interested parties to submit written public comments on any subject to apc_rilke@asdk12.org. Fifteen minutes are reserved at the beginning and end of each regular meeting for public comments. *Next scheduled meeting: 21 March 2025*

Present on Zoom: Akara Anglin, Jill Doniere, Jessica Frey, Jason Hotch, Katie Kelly, Robin Phillips, Amanda Thompson, Mark Truog, Branden Strauch, Maggie Weyrens
Guest: Cameron Vincent-Lang

I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Adoption of Agenda and Minutes from 20 February and 6 March 2025

A. Performance Chair Akara Anglin motioned to amend the Agenda with two items. Secretary Amanda Thompson seconded. Each Amendment was henceforth presented and voted upon separately.

1. First Amendment: Amend New Business to add a Motion to create in Executive Session secure notes that will be stored in an established folder, the specifics of which will be worked out at a later date.
 - a) Discussion: Action is already permissible and possible. Motion was made because notes have not been taken thus far.
 - b) Being as all members were participating on a video call, a Roll Call vote was taken, and thereafter:

Robin Phillips: Aye
Jill Doniere: Nay
Mark Truog: Aye
Jessica Frey: Aye

a) Roll Call vote:

Maggie Weyrens: Nay
Amanda Thompson: Aye
Akara Anglin: Aye
Jason Hotch: Nay
Katie Kelly: Nay
Jill Doniere: Nay
Mark Truog: Nay
Robin Phillips: Aye
Jessica Frey: Nay

Maggie Weyrens: Aye
Amanda Thompson: Aye
Jason Hotch: Aye
Katie Kelly: Aye
Akara Anglin: Aye

c) Motion passes.

2. Second Amendment: Anglin then motioned to amend Agenda under New Business' Communication Plan Update, to add underneath the first Executive Session, that we publically share, in the strategic direction discussed, at least one strategic plan item we want the public to take action on immediately upon exiting our executive session.
 - a. Discussion: Different viewpoints on adding items to the Agenda were presented. Public needs updates. Communication has been sent.
 - b. Roll Call vote:

Mark Truog: Nay
Jessica Frey: Aye
Maggie Weyrens: Aye
Amanda Thompson; Aye
Jason Hotch: Aye
Katie Kelly: Aye
Jill Doniere: Nay
Robin Phillips: Aye
Akara Anglin: Aye

c. Motion passes.

- B. Treasurer Mark Truog made a Motion to accept amended Agenda and Minutes from 20 February and 6 March 2025. Jessica Frey seconded the Motion.
 1. Roll Call vote:

Mark Truog: Aye
Jessica Frey: Aye
Maggie Weyrens: Aye
Amanda Thompson: Aye
Jason Hotch: Aye
Katie Kelly: Aye

a) Roll Call vote:

Maggie Weyrens: Nay
Amanda Thompson: Aye
Akara Anglin: Aye
Jason Hotch: Nay
Katie Kelly: Nay
Jill Doniere: Nay
Mark Truog: Nay
Robin Phillips: Aye
Jessica Frey: Nay

Jill Doniere: Aye
Robin Phillips: Aye
Akarra: Aye

2. Motion passes.

II. Public Comment - No comments.

A. New Business

1. Anglin made a Motion to create in Executive Session secure notes that will be stored in an established folder, the specifics of which will be worked out at a later date. The Motion was seconded by Facilities Chair Jason Hotch.
 - a) Discussion: There is a need for documents that can facilitate Executive Sessions, and notes can be taken. Confidential matters are discussed in Executive Session. Only those in attendance at a specific Executive Session should access the matching notes. Today's meeting can proceed with these notes taken without the Motion.
 - b)
 - c) With 6 nays, Motion fails.
2. Communications Plan update

Acting Chair Kelly: Further information will be given after Executive Session.

B. Executive Session¹ to further discuss advocacy strategy

1. A Motion to enter Executive Session was made by Jessica Frye, and seconded by Performance Chair Maggie Weyrens. It was added that Principal Branden Strauch and Assistant Principal Herr Vincent-Lang are invited.

¹ "The APC reserves the right to enter into executive session as provided for in State Law on any agenda item. Executive sessions may be entered into for the following subjects as permitted by law: (1) matters the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of the District; (2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided that the person may request a public discussion; (3) matters which by law, municipal charter, or ordinance are required to be confidential; and, (4) matters involving consideration of government records that by law are not subject to public disclosure. Motions to go into executive session should specify the subject of the proposed executive session without defeating the purpose of addressing the subject in private."

a) Roll Call vote:

Maggie Weyrens: Nay
Amanda Thompson: Aye
Akara Anglin: Aye
Jason Hotch: Nay
Katie Kelly: Nay
Jill Doniere: Nay
Mark Truog: Nay
Robin Phillips: Aye
Jessica Frey: Nay

a) Roll Call vote:

Amanda Thompson: Aye
Maggie Weyrens: Aye
Jason Hotch: Aye
Jessica Frey: Aye
Katie Kelly: Aye
Mark Truog: Aye
Jill Doniere: Aye
Robin Phillips: Aye
Akara Anglin: Aye

b) Motion passes.

c) The Executive Session was entered at 6:20 PM.

d) At 7:18 PM, the Executive Session ended and a Recess was taken. At 7:26 PM, the Recess ended.

2. Anglin made a motion: for the Communication Plan Update that we publically share, in the strategic direction discussed, send out at least one strategic plan item we want the public to take action on immediately upon exiting our executive session. Seconded by Thompson.

Discussion: Families would like more information. Items are being shared as soon as possible. Upcoming meeting will require more communication.

a) Roll Call vote:

Amanda Thompson: Aye
Maggie Weyrens: Aye
Jason Hotch: Aye
Jessica Frey: Aye
Katie Kelly: Aye
Mark Truog: Aye
Jill Doniere: Aye
Robin Phillips: Aye
Akara Anglin: Aye

a) Roll Call vote:

Maggie Weyrens: Nay
Amanda Thompson: Aye
Akara Anglin: Aye
Jason Hotch: Nay
Katie Kelly: Nay
Jill Doniere: Nay
Mark Truog: Nay
Robin Phillips: Aye
Jessica Frey: Nay

Motion passes.

3. We will advocate for a revote and ask the community to contact the ASD Board. Discussion: Stay positive. integrity. There will be talking points put out for the community. Promote Rilke values and mission.
4. A motion to extend the meeting to 8:30 was made by Hotch and seconded by Truog.

Roll call vote:

Maggie Weyrens: Aye
Jason Hotch: Aye
Amanda Thompson: Aye
Jessica Frey: Aye
Katie Kelly: Aye
Jill Doniere: No
Mark Truog: Aye
Robin Phillips: Aye
Akara Anglin: Aye

Motion passes.

C. Update on facility options for 2025-26 school year

1. Rilke is still in negotiations for our current building, and are continuing to advocate for an ASD facility. Our point of contact with the landlords was also involved with ANCCS and recently resigned from negotiations.
2. Discussion: There are concerns about the lease ending in August. Options include trying to negotiate for a lease extension vs asking for an ASD building facility.

D. Executive Session² to discuss future facility options

1. A Motion to enter Executive Session was made by Hotch and seconded by Truog at 7:56 PM.

a) Roll Call vote:

Maggie Weyrens: Nay
Amanda Thompson: Aye
Akara Anglin: Aye
Jason Hotch: Nay
Katie Kelly: Nay
Jill Doniere: Nay
Mark Truog: Nay
Robin Phillips: Aye
Jessica Frey: Nay

Roll Call:

Katie Kelly: Aye
Mark Truog: Aye
Amanda Thompson: Aye
Maggie Weyrens: Aye
Jason Hotch: Aye
Jessica Frey: Aye
Jill Doniere: Aye
Robin Phillips: Aye
Akara Anglin: Aye

Motion passes.

2. Executive Session was exited at 8:02 PM.
3. A Motion to enter with invitation to Herr Strauch was made by Truog, with Doniere seconding it.

Roll Call vote:

Katie Kelly: Aye
Amanda Thompson: No
Maggie Weyrens: Aye
Mark Truog: Aye
Jason Hotch: Aye
Jessica Frey: Aye
Jill Doniere: Aye
Robin Phillips: Aye
Akara Anglin: No

Motion passes. Executive session entered at 8:10 PM..

4. Executive Session ended at 8:30. No objections to ending both sessions.

E. Adjournment

Roll Call vote:

a) Roll Call vote:

Maggie Weyrens: Nay
Amanda Thompson: Aye
Akara Anglin: Aye
Jason Hotch: Nay
Katie Kelly: Nay
Jill Doniere: Nay
Mark Truog: Nay
Robin Phillips: Aye
Jessica Frey: Nay

Mark Truog: Aye
Amanda Thompson: Aye
Maggie Weyrens: Aye
Katie Kelly: Aye
Jason Hotch: Aye
Jessica Frey: Aye
Jill Doniere: Aye
Robin Phillips: Aye
Akara Anglin: Aye

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

a) Roll Call vote:

Maggie Weyrens: Nay
Amanda Thompson: Aye
Akara Anglin: Aye
Jason Hotch: Nay
Katie Kelly: Nay
Jill Doniere: Nay
Mark Truog: Nay
Robin Phillips: Aye
Jessica Frey: Nay