



Rilke Schule
Academic Policy Committee Minutes
Thursday 21 April 2022
6:00PM @ Rilke Schule

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.

Present: Parker, Olsen, Colvin, Wileman, Hotch, Strauch, Vincent-Lang, Bearss
Excused absent – Posanka

- I. Call to order 6:01 pm. Parker moved to adopt agenda and approve minutes from 17 March 2022. Hotch 2nd. Passed unanimous
- II. Public Comment: *no comment*
- III. Partner Organizations
 - A. RSV – Jason Henning, Vice President
 1. Kinderlauf scheduled for May 14 - registrations look strong
 2. Papa Murphy's pizza fundraiser is Friday, April 21, 2022
 3. Teacher appreciation week is coming
 4. Possible joint venture with APC to reduce waste and single-use plastics. Perhaps ordering bamboo cutlery with Rilke Schule logo on them?
 5. Email is going straight to junk mail - how do we solve that?
 6. More notice to the RSV about events that require color coordination or Rilke logo wear (RSV does not always have enough supply to sell to everyone on demand)
 - B. RSI – Shawna Popovici, acting Chair
 1. Laurie Orell has retired from her position on the Board.
 2. Requested status update of the MOU with APC for Rilke Clubs? Bearss stated draft MOU is with ASD Purchasing for final review.
 3. May 4 is the targeted date for RSI to release the fall clubs schedule
 4. New tax accountant helped secure RSI's tax credit - cash flow concerns are easing but not eliminated
 5. Fall clubs will need to be paid for quickly by parents to ensure cash flows in the fall
 6. Fundraising event for clubs will have a student art auction and a bake sale. Would like to raise funds for needed club items and/or a couple of scholarships for students to participate in clubs who may not otherwise be able to.

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7. Will share a recent ADN news article about the equity effect of before and after school programs for families at charter schools
8. Grant status - working on the Anchorage Park Foundation challenge grant. It was funded but at a lower rate than hoped for. Will work with the muni to get our Meadow Park project on the next muni bond issue to make up the difference and to make the project a reality.

IV. Reports

A. Officers

1. Chair

- a. Scheduling tri-board meeting before school year end. Hoping for 2 members from each board.
- b. May 12 regular APC meeting will have quorum.
- c. Jason Storter volunteered to serve on Jeremy's Performance Committee. Offer accepted by Jeremy.

2. Vice Chair

- a. Need clear, consistent, transparent communication from the APC. To that end there will be a letter to the Rilke community following this meeting to ensure everyone knows what we are working on.
- b. Parent Engagement committee - will be merged with a teacher-led effort with a similar mission. Hooray for collaboration!

3. Secretary – no report

4. Treasurer – Kort resigned her position on the board, but sent information with info to be shared in Principal's report

B. Principal – as submitted

C. Teachers – as submitted

D. Schülerrat (student council)

1. Raised money for activities; held middle school dance; snack shack started again; and organized a winter clothing drive for a Title 1 school

E. Committees:

1. Facilities/Outdoor – scheduling 4Q parent volunteer night
2. Strategic Planning – under new business

V. Old Business

A. Open Seat on APC

1. Four candidates: Joslyn Blanchard, Mark Truog, Danielle Vetro, Maggie Weyrens
2. Strauch motioned to nominate Mark Truog to complete the remainder of Posanka's term (May '22 - Feb '23). Parker 2nd. Passed unanimous.
3. Olson motioned to nominate Maggie Weyrens to complete the remainder of Redick's term (immediately - Feb '23). Vincent-Lang 2nd. 6 Yea. 1 Nay. Motion passes.

B. MOA with RSI – draft MOU from APC and RSI at ASD Purchasing for review.

C. Land Acknowledgement Statement – tabled, to remain on agenda

VI. New Business

A. Recruitment of New Students

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1. First lottery has run with only 56 kindergarten spots filled with none remaining on the waitlist. Second lottery is open now through July 31st
 2. Parker motioned to approve funds not to exceed \$30,000 for a student recruitment marketing campaign from our rollover funds. Strauch seconded. Friendly amendment accepted for the principal to verify if we can independently select vendors or if we need to go through ASD. Motion passed unanimous
- B. Proposed Fee for Overnight Filed Trips Beginning 2022-23 School Year – Hotch motioned to institute a field trip-by-field trip fee for out-of-district, overnight trips. Vincent-Lang 2nd. Motion failed unanimous
- C. Website Restructure and Update – Bearss directed to connect with ASD web developers to determine what is possible and to update pages related to new students and parents asap
- D. Strategic Planning/New Board Member Work Sessions – Association of Alaska School Boards is available for limited in-person training in May, virtual for summer, and in-person again starting in August. Board will work offline to schedule new board member training asap and strategic planning for the fall.
- E. House Bills 272 and 273
1. Hotch was in Juneau recently to discuss HB 272 with Representative Schrage. The bill has passed the House and is in Senate Finance committee. Rilke community members’ emails to their legislators has been noticed and should continue. Board will send a bill update to Rilke community request their continued legislator contacts.

VII. Public Comment – commentors were given 2 minutes each.

VIII. Executive Session – none

IX. Adjournment 8:09 pm

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