



Rilke Schule
Academic Policy Committee Minutes
Thursday 09 December 2021
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. *Next scheduled meeting 20 January 2022*

- I. Call to order & Adoption of Agenda and Minutes from 18 November 2021
6:03 pm called to order by Chair Wileman
Members Present: Wileman, Olson, Parker, Colvin, Redick, Vincent-Lang, Kushe
Excused Absence: Posanka, Storter

Parker moved to adopt agenda and approve minutes. Olson 2nd. Unanimous approval.
- II. Public Comment: The public was given 2 minutes each to express their comments.
- III. Partner Organizations
 - A. RSV
 - Vice Chair Henning reported St. Nikolaus photos were a success. This event was organized by Redick as an outreach to preschools to increase kindergarten enrollment in the Fall.
 - B. RSI
 - Chair Orell reported 2nd semester club registration opens before winter break. Current enrollment is down compared to pre-pandemic years.
 - Budget down approximately \$57,000 primarily due to lower enrollment and increased operating costs. They raised club prices approximately 18% to help address the budget gap and added new clubs to increase enrollment. They applied for the Alaska Community Foundation Grant, but barely meet their criteria. They should have an answer in late January. RSI doesn't qualify for most childcare assistance programs, as they are not a Muni licensed program and operate under exemption rules instead.
 - They would like a response on the ESSR funds proposal previously submitted.
- IV. Reports
 - A. Officers
 - Chair – no report
 - Vice Chair – accepting volunteers for a new volunteer committee. They are working on enrollment marketing with Bearss and others for the 2022-23 school year.

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- Treasurer – no report.
 - Secretary – excused absent.
- B. Principal – as submitted.
- C. Teachers – as submitted.
- D. Committees:
1. Facilities/Outdoor – Colvin will work with Bearss and teacher reps to schedule a 3rd quarter, volunteer clean-up night.
 2. Strategic Planning – no report.
 3. Performance – no report.
 4. Election – no report.

V. Old Business

- A. RSI Funding Proposal – 20% of Rilke’s ESSER III funds are available for other use. \$130,000 is allocated for Teaching Assistants, which leaves \$64,000 remaining. RSI proposal submitted to Bearss in October. ASD Purchasing indicated to Bearss the funding would need to go out for competitive bidding, which will be a several months process.
- B. Math Curriculum – Our K-6 math curriculum subscription ends this school year. iReady is the only ASD-approved curriculum at this time. We must use it 2022-23 school year as we have not gone through their process for an alternative option. We have 3 options as outlined in Principal’s Report. Board discussion on the options. ASD Purchasing needs decision January/February timeframe. Topic tabled until January meeting when additional answers are available.

VI. New Business

- A. Supply Fee Proposal – Colvin motioned to establish a school supply fee in lieu of parent purchased supplies effective next school year. Vincent-Lang 2nd. Motion tabled until January while Bearss seeks front office feedback on administrative burden and Colvin will bring a proposed amount.
- B. Dress Code Policy Review – Teachers are seeing less dress code compliance and more confusion of the nuances of the code, i.e., sweatpants not allowed, but leggings are. The majority of the school population is in compliance. Board recognizes that students’ school clothes have been purchased by families for the year, and it would be a burden to purchase additional clothes. Clarity on the exiting code will be provided to families by April 2022 to prepare for the 2022-23 school year. Item will be added to Old Business for future review, if needed.
- C. New Student Referral Incentives – Discussion on incentives for referrals for incoming 1st graders 2022-23 school year. Tabled topic for next meeting.
- D. Election Policy & Bylaw Revision Second Reading – Colvin motioned to approve. Parker 2nd. Unanimous approval.
- E. Policy Amendments First Reading – Changes requested:
- Policy 9 2(h) keep and add "may be used when deemed necessary".
 - Policy 11 remove the note on clarification text as not needed. Delete comment on deciding on committees.
 - 1st reading passed unanimous.

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- F. Supply Second Floor Restrooms with Feminine Hygiene Products – These items and dispenser are not available currently. Olson motioned. Parker 2nd. Passed unanimous.

- VII. Public Comment – The public was given 2 minutes each to express their comments.

- VIII. Executive Session entered for adverse effects upon the finances of the district. Executive session end 8:56 pm.
Olson motioned to approve half-time Teacher-In-Charge position. Parker 2nd.
Unanimous approval.

- IX. Adjournment 8:59 pm.

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