



Rilke Schule  
Academic Policy Committee  
Special Meeting Agenda  
Monday 02 August 2021  
6:00 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](mailto:apc_rilke@asdk12.org). Fifteen minutes are reserved at the beginning and end of each regular meeting for public comments. *Next scheduled meeting is 19 August 2021.*

I. Call to order & Adoption of Agenda

6:03 pm called to order by Chair Wileman

Members Present: Bearss, Colvin, Olson, Parker, Posanka, Redick, Stacey, Vincent-Lang, Wileman

Excused Absence: Storter

Redick moved, Olson 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve agenda; Unanimous Approval

II. Public Comment: none

III. New Business

A. 2021-22 Return to School Operational Guidelines

ASD Superintendent will be presenting the 2021-22 Return to School Operational Guidelines to the ASD School Board on 3 August 2021. The School Board has not officially endorsed the plan, no decision has been made.

Parker moved, Posanka 2<sup>nd</sup> to make masks optional at Rilke

Parker stated that Dr. Bishop is willing to discuss an alternative plan for Rilke. Rilke is a school of choice and families should be able to choose if they want their students wearing masks at school. The demand for homeschooling options is increasing, Rilke could see decreased enrollment if a universal mask policy is put in place.

Hr. Vincent-Lang: ASD has public health professionals on staff that have developed the School Operational Guidelines. These are comprehensive, and include many other mitigation measures, masking is just one component. None on the APC or Rilke staff is a public health expert. We should rely on subject matter experts to develop operational guidelines.

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Colvin: CDC and AAP have put forth recommendations for opening schools. We want our students physically in the classroom. Concerned about exposures requiring students to isolate and missing more in person classroom instruction.

Redick: The ASD developed the guidelines based on CDC and AAP recommendations. Rilke should follow this guidance.

Olson: This discussion should be about more than just masks. Masks are only one component of a comprehensive plan.

Posanka: Rilke need some very compelling reason to diverge from ASD plan. A large proportion of our students are under 12 years old and not eligible for the vaccine. They have not been given a choice. The Rilke plan should include mitigation measures to protect these students.

Bearss: Rilke need a comprehensive plan. We have an obligation to work within our charter and bylaws.

Redick moved to table this item; No Objections

- IV. Public Comment: none
- V. Potential Executive Session: none
- VI. Adjournment 7:03pm

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