



Rilke Schule  
Academic Policy Committee  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Thursday 28 January 2021  
6:00PM @ 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 18 February 2021*

I. Call to order & Adoption of Agenda, Approval of 21 January 2021 Minutes

6:02 pm called to order by Chair Von Wichman

Members Present on Zoom: Barr, Colvin, Parker, Posanka, Redick, Stacey,

Vincent-Lang, Von Wichman, Wileman

Absent: Storter

Wileman moved to amend the agenda to add two items to New Business:

1. Letter to the Mayor's office and Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) regarding classroom capacity.
2. Letter to the Alaska Vaccine Allocation Advisory Committee

Colvin 2<sup>nd</sup>: Unanimous Approval

II. Public Comment: the public was given 2 minute each to express their comments.

III. Old Business

A. ASD re-entry plan/timeline

ASD plans to return grades 3-6 district wide to in-person classes on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

B. Rilke Schule Schedule

1. Grades 3-5:

- On January 28, 2021, the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) issued Emergency Order EO-18 that takes effect on February 1, 2021. Specifically, Attachment I states: "Educational institutions grades pre-K through 12 and universities are subject to an indoor capacity limitation of 50% of classroom occupancy based on building and fire codes."

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- ASD provided Hr. Barr and the safety team with the individual classroom capacities, based on building and fire codes. The Rilke safety team compared this information with current enrollment numbers and determined there is enough classroom capacity to return all 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students to in-person learning. However, grades 4-8 exceed the classroom limits set forth in EO-18.
- There are also concerns about staffing, Rilke has no excess staff available to fill in when teachers are sick or required to isolate.

Wileman moved, Hr. Vincent-Lang 2<sup>nd</sup> to return all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students to Rilke for in-person learning.

Discussion:

- Hr. Vincent-Lang:
  - Pros:
    - Kids are back in school
    - Closer to meeting our goal of getting all students back in-person
  - Cons:
    - Difficult logistics: access to playground, arrival/dismissal
    - Staffing, all staff is already maxed out
- Wileman asked teachers what an acceptable date is to return all 3<sup>rd</sup> grad students.
- Hr. Vincent-Lang offered February 18<sup>th</sup>.

Wileman offered a friendly amendment to set the date for the return of all 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students to February 18<sup>th</sup>. Hr. Vincent-Lang 2<sup>nd</sup>. No opposition. Motion amended.

Wileman: The APC has been asked to clarify the previous determination of conflict of interest of the teacher representative on motions relating to the schedule for return to in-person instruction.

- Section 3 of the Rilke Schule APC Bylaws states: *“All elected APC members are eligible to vote on all issues; however, the two (2) employee representatives may not vote on matters of personnel, staffing, or principal”*

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*contracts. All members must recuse themselves if there is a real or perceived conflict of interest.”*

- Wileman conferred with Darrell Vincek, the ASD Charter School liaison, for guidance on this issue. It was affirmed that this issue can be considered a matter of personnel and staffing. It is reasonable to ask the teacher representative to recuse themselves.

The teacher representatives were asked to recuse themselves:

- Hr. Vincent-Lang: Feels there is no conflict of interest, chose not to recuse himself.
- Fr. Stacey: Feels there is no conflict of interest, chose not to recuse herself.

Wileman moved to vote on conflict of interest, Redick 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Motion passed 5:1; conflict of interest is affirmed.

Wileman moved to receive an advisory vote from the teachers on the amended motion, Redick 2<sup>nd</sup>. No opposition.

- Hr. Vincent-Lang: Yes
- Fr. Stacey: Yes

Amended motion passed: 6:0

All 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will return to in-person learning on February 18<sup>th</sup>.

## 2. Grades 6-8

Parker moved, Redick 2<sup>nd</sup>, to return grades 4-8 to in-person learning.

Discussion:

- EO-18 limits the ability to return 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students to in-person learning.
- Rilke needs to plan for when this EO-18 is modified or revoked. Eventually these capacity restrictions will be lifted, and students will be allowed to return to the building.
- Rilke staff requires time to evaluate current policies and procedures, identify improvements, fine tune logistics, and create plans to bring back all grades.

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Redick moved, Wileman 2<sup>nd</sup> to table this motion.  
Unanimous approval

IV. New Business

- A. Letter to the State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force in support of prioritizing K-12 teachers and staff for COVID vaccination.

Wileman moved, Colvin 2<sup>nd</sup> to send a letter of support from the Rilke APC supporting the prioritization of K-12 teachers and staff for COVID vaccination.

Unanimous approval

- B. Letter to the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) regarding EO-18 capacity limitations

Wileman moved, Parker 2<sup>nd</sup> to send a letter to MOA to re-evaluate and revised the capacity limitations in EO-18

Motion passed: 7:1

- V. Public Comment: the public was given 2 minute each to express their comments.

- VI. Adjournment: 7:40 pm

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