



Rilke Schule
Academic Policy Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 16, 2017 6:00 PM
@ Rilke Schule Campus

- I. Call to order 5:57 pm. Members present: Lastufka, Weese, Colvin, Wileman, von Wichman, Barr, Morgan, Brickwell . Absent, Storter and Kjerland. RSV rep: Shari Showalter
- II. Adoption of agenda: added Vice Chair and Secretary report, strike New Business A because tabled to next meeting. Unanimous.
- III. Approval of October Minutes: unanimous
- IV. Public comments: Peter Birmanns spoke at length about Jo Sanders' legacy and life work, and her story as inspiration to future students. Proposed name change of Rilke Schule to honor Jo Sanders. Lisa Robertson (Cooper) echoed the sentiment.
- V. Reports
 - A. Officers
 1. Chair : Election committee formation: Kjerstin Lastufka reported that APC election committee has been formed, as per bylaws, comprised of two APC members: Storter and Lastufka, and one parent volunteer: Aimee Posanka
 2. Treasurer: not present
 3. Vice Chair/Communications Team: Proposed draft letter of appreciation to Frau Sanders be approved from full APC. Moved: Wileman 2nd: Weese Discussion: none, although all read the letter to make sure no edits needed. Unanimously approved, Ann Weese will deliver ASAP.
 4. Secretary: Ann Weese: Jo Sanders update; she is transitioning to hospice care at home. She sends her greetings and thanks again for the event on Monday. She appreciates the cards coming from kids.
 - B. Principal: as printed; student count projections are due Dec. 15 so that committee is working on those numbers. Einstein Night, led by Herr Birmanns in partnership with RSV, smashing success. Asked for approval for Big Brother/Sister donation bin to be located in school parking lot near dumpster. Moved: Wileman 2nd: von Wichman. Discussion of logistics. Unanimously approved.
 - C. Teachers: as printed
 - D. Committees
 1. Facilities : looking at opportunity to work with community member on tree planting project. Apple trees to be placed on school property along fence line.
 2. Strategic Planning: Clubs workgroup had first meeting and is comprised of Helgesen from staff, Marisa Wang from RSI, Chirag

_____ from RSV, Rebecca from APC and Jackie Bond from school administration. End goal: to have plan ready for proposal to APC within 6 months so new structure would start with new school year.

3. Performance: has recruited a parent volunteer to help with principal evaluation revision. Will be meeting with principal to do mid-year check-in as per bylaws.

E. Partner organizations

1. RSV: Shari Showalter reported upcoming RSV events: Dec. 6 Nikolaus, Dec. 9 Christkindlmarkt, Dec. 17 B&N book fair, Dec 18-21 Kindermarkt after school
2. RSI: Rebecca suggests a triboard meeting ASAP. Wileman suggests Feb/March so new APC members also part of it.

VI. Old Business

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VII. New business

~~A. Potential purchase of additional middle school lockers: TABLED pending price information~~

B. Branden Strauch: Project Lead the Way presentation. Would like approval for a committee to investigate Project Lead the Way curriculum for middle school. STEM curriculum in English to supplement Science side, which is in German. Would like APC guidance on budgeting and how it fits into long-range plan for school. Estimated costs between \$5000 and \$10,000 for startup, then \$750 annually to maintain. Barr, Strauch and Honer will form a committee to report back in more detail in January.

VIII. Public comments: two parents, one with a scheduling question for Herr Barr, one says he thinks project lead the way a great idea.

IX. Potential Executive session:

X. Adjournment at 7:00 PM

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 is comprised of voting and advisory members representing parents, faculty and staff. Parent-elected representatives serve staggered, two-year terms with elections every February. The Academic Policy Committee highly 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 meeting: Thursday, December 14, 2017 @ Rilke Schule