



Rilke Schule
Academic Policy Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 9, 2017, 6:00 PM
@ Rilke Schule Campus

- I. Call to order 6:00 pm
Present: Kjerland, Crawford, Lastufka, Storter, von Wichman, Weese, Barr, Wileman
- II. Adoption of agenda
- III. Approval of February Minutes & Special Meeting Minutes
- IV. Public comments
- V. Reports
 - A. Officers
 1. Chair Storter: appointment of standing committee chairs
Wileman: performance committee chair. Tasked with reworking the principal evaluation process/forms
von Wichman: facilities
Weiss: Strategic Planning
 - B. Principal
Written report provided. Highlights: returning student count is very high. Some discussion of “bubble” in school population for next few years. Working on solutions to big grades. Working on buzzer/security door solution, will propose at next meeting.
 - C. Teachers: some concerns about lots of testing. Storter asked if we should look at what/why we’re testing, what is required and what is at our discretion. Discussion ensued.
 - D. Curriculum Director: not present
 - E. Committees
 1. Facilities: still working on clubs solution and grant for park improvement. Officially adopted Meadow St. Park. Rebecca Colvin and Shawna Popovici have been spearheading outdoor work.
 2. Strategic Planning: no report
 3. Performance: no report
 4. Election Final Report: written report provided. Final recommendations: Future election committees should also provide a detailed report, Kjerstin used the report from 4 years ago as a resource and model. Consider moving election date to coincide with parent conferences, with the goal of reaching more parents = more voters. Develop process for tiebreaker. Consider 3 year terms instead of 2 year. Kjersti will help Kjerstin formulate proposed

bylaws changes for discussion at next meeting. KL moved to accept report, JW 2nd, unanimously approved.

TREASURER REPORT: still under budget for the year.

F. Partner organizations

1. RSV: none
2. RSI: none

VI. Old Business

- A. none

VII. New business

A. APC officer elections (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-Chair)

JW moved, KL 2nd following officers approved unanimously:

Chair: Jason Storter

Vice Chair: Kjerstin Lastufka

Treasurer: Morten Kjerland

Secretary: Ann Weese

B. Dress Code: intent to refer to performance committee for review per parent request

Discussion: review should include policy on how often dress code can/should be reviewed. Concern that it has been reviewed and reviewed every couple of years since the school opened, and always confirmed. But also concern that school culture and culture around dress codes may have changed and it is worth reviewing to be sure still aligns with school goals and culture. Gretchen Weiss provided a written proposal of how to review at this time. JW moved to assign the Strategic Planning committee the task of clarifying the current dress code policy for APC review. KvW 2nd. Passed with 7 ayes and 1 naye.

VIII. Public comments. Rebecca Colvin recommended committees and subcommittees should be promoted more assertively to get more parents involved, now that chairs have been chosen.

IX. Executive session 7:11 pm: finalizing administrative contract

X. Adjournment at 8:30 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, April 13, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at Rilke Schule