



Rilke Schule

Academic Policy Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 16, 2017, 6:00 PM
@ Rilke Schule Campus

- I. Call to order 6:05 pm
Members present: Ray Oakley (RSI), Morten Kjerland, Kjerstin Lastufka, Bryan Bearss, Nicole Crawford, Jason Storter, Givey Kochanowski, Kjersti von Wichman, Ann Weese, Chris Barr
- II. Adoption of agenda
Chair Storter entertained motion to move executive session to right before New Business. KL moved, KvW seconded
- III. Approval of January minutes
Chair Storter entertained motion to approve minutes from January meeting, GK moved and BB seconded, minutes adopted unanimously
- IV. Public comments
Parent Tracy Bunch offered concerns about dress code as it is currently written, including concerns that it is not gender neutral, and offered to help revise, rewrite, review dress code with goal of clarifying reason and basis for the policy or parts thereof. Asking for a survey of parents as policy should evolve with school culture. An APC member pointed out it's been reviewed with parent input every few years and without checking the minutes it's believed to have last been reviewed in 2013-14.
Parent Ulf Asplund offered similar concerns including concern that wording may be discriminatory.
- V. Reports
 - A. Officers
Treasurer report: as printed; overall currently still operating under budget and healthy for current year. Discussion of uses for encumbered money.
 - B. Principal: as printed; highlighted overall high rates of success when compared to other ASD schools and other charter schools, with a lower suspension rate and higher performance in math and reading assessments.
 - C. Teachers: printed report
 - D. Curriculum Director: not in attendance
 - E. Committees
 - 1. Facilities: KvW reported on plumbing leak, JS pointed out that landlord took care of related costs due to responsibilities outlined in lease agreement.
 - 2. Strategic Planning: no report

3. Performance: GK said dress code review should fall under that committee; further performance report will be in executive session due to principal evaluation
- F. Partner organizations
 1. RSV: not in attendance
 2. RSI: nothing further besides rental policy in Old Business A.
- VI. Old Business
- A. Rental Policy

Ray Oakley explained user inputs and collaboration to create policy. GK moved to amend point 3b to strike the words chair of RSI, change to facilities and/or APC Chair AND point 4 “rates” not policy reviewed annually. BB Seconded motion, added friendly amendment add “day” to first sentence and strike 2nd sentence. Amendment passed unanimously after discussion. BB moved, KvW seconded to amend 2b to add “without principal approval” and 2a change word “process” to “policy.” Motion passed unanimously after discussion. GK proposed BB seconded motion to amend 2c so that “all facility users are liable for all damages to the facility during use.” Passed unanimously. Chair Storter called the question to vote on approval of amended policy, motion passed unanimously.
- VII. Executive Session: Principal Evaluation 7:15-7:50
- VIII. New business
- A. Principal Contract Renewal

GK moved, KvW seconded motion to offer Principal Barr 2 year contract for outstanding performance. Discussion included explanation of process of evaluation including input from parents, teachers, APC, district leadership. Overall evaluation metrics showed “exceeds expectations.” Motion to offer 2 year contract passes unanimously.
 - B. APC Election Result/Report: Kjerstin Lastufka

Committee was KL, AW, and parent volunteer Jason Nichols. KL reported on process, a written report will be provided at next meeting. Results of voting were re-election of James Wileman, Morten Kjerland and Kjersti von Wichman, and new member Gretchen Weiss was elected. Many thanks to other excellent candidates Rebecca Colvin and Erin Whitney Wilmer. KL and AW suggested we codify procedure for tie breaking since this election was very close.
 - C. Seating of New APC Members
- IX. Public comments
- X. Potential Executive session (personnel/finance/negotiations/litigation)
- XI. Adjournment at 8:20 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, March 9, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at Rilke Schule