



Rilke Schule

Academic Policy Committee Minutes

Thursday, 21 August 2025

Present: Amanda Thompson, Katie Kelly, Mark Truog, Jason Hotch, Branden Strauch, Jessica Frey, Kim Jochum, Tom Honer, Cameron Vincent-Lang

Excused absent: Jill Doniere

- I. Call to Order 6:05 p.m.
Adoption of Agenda and Minutes from 03JUN and 04AUG meeting.
Move to adopt agenda and minutes from 03 JUN and 04AUG meeting Mark. Second Katie.
- II. Public Comment: *Members of the public are allowed 2 minutes each and comments must specifically pertain to items on this agenda. We respectfully request that commenters refrain from all identifying references to Rilke Schule teachers/staff/students.*
Comments made.
- III. Partner Organizations
 - A. RSV - none present.*** Frau Brewer during public comment, next meeting is her last meeting. Met over summer, approved budget, reviewed bylaws, all events for the year on school calendar. Popsicles with Principal great, Starting year strong.
 - B. RSI - none present. *** RSI report from Joslyn Blanchard during public comment: 17 families got support in clubs. Jump into German success with 40-50 kids.
- IV. Reports
 - A. Schülerrat - will form in the next month
 - B. Officers
 1. Chair - no updates
 2. Vice Chair - due to being out of state Maggie resigns her position, 5 months left in her term
 3. Treasurer - see treasurer report
 4. Secretary - work on the entry board over next couple weeks
 - C. Principal - see report. Enrollment will be close to 500. We have a very low attrition rate. Overall transition to facility has been a smooth one.
 - D. Teachers - see report. Teachers adapting to new space. New rotation for 5th/6th grade and very positive reactions. Fire drill success.
 - E. Committees:
 1. Facilities/Outdoor - Kiska lease ends 08.30.2025 - still a little more painting to do, replacing a couple mirrors, cleaning. Walk through with the owners at the end of next week. The extra funding will be sufficient to cover close out.

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2. Strategic Planning - using a strategic plan to execute long-term plan and have contingency plans. Everyone needs to learn how to read the strategic plan. Administration started year using strategic plan as a guiding document with leadership team to look at how the school is functioning. Is there anything we can accomplish being here in this facility?
-Request to form a parent committee that meets once a month to review strategic plan, create monitoring system, and a plan - ask for parent volunteers in communication. Make sure data we collect is for decision making. Need an administrator
3. Performance - Kim Jochum is the new Performance Chair.

V. New Business

- A. Custodial position - Motion to approve the 0.6 FTE for custodial position by KKelly, seconded by KJochum. The facility is rated at 1.6 FTE due to the size according to ASD. Administration tried to push back with ASD and initially they were not backing down but in August they were less demanding - all common spaces and trash daily, but not every space will be vacuumed every day with 1.0 FTE. The 0.6 additional would lead to every classroom being cleaned every day to asd standards. 0.6 position does not have benefits, roughly 28,000 a year (for a full school year). RSI has donated \$40,000 to a nighttime custodial position.

Vote:

Amanda - no
Katie - yes
Mark - yes
Jason - yes
Jess - yes
Kim - yes
Tom - yes
Maggie - no
Motion passes.

- B. Meeting schedule for 2025-2026 - every 3rd Thursday of the month.
Motion to set APC meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the calendar year 2025-2026 by JFrey. Second THoner.

Amanda - yes
Katie - yes
Mark - yes
Jason - yes
Jess - yes
Kim - yes
Tom - yes
Maggie - yes
Motion passes.

- C. Geometry class

Motion by Mark Truog to move forward with AK choice to offer Geometry as a blended learning model. Seconded by KKelly.

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Currently Geometry students sit in Algebra class and get instruction from Canvas/Online Modules and then work in the classroom with Frau Oakley. Frau Oakley would like to provide a better environment for both Algebra and Geometry students. AK Choice has a teacher - students can login after hours for zoom calls - and Frau Oakley can help support in the classroom. Tests will be monitored in school. \$950/student for the year - 9 current students that would be in the course.

Friendly Amendment to trial for a year by K.Jochum. Accepted by MTruog

Motion: Move forward with AK choice to offer Geometry as a blended learning model for the 2025-2026 school year.

Amanda - no

Katie - yes

Mark - no

Jason - yes

Jessica - yes

Kim - yes

Tom - recuse

Maggie - yes

Motion passes.

D. Conference schedule 2025-2026 school year

Motion by KKelly to have full day conferences in October 2025 and February 2026. Second by J.Frey.

Feedback by parents and staff: overall a success.

Amanda - yes

Katie - yes

Mark - yes

Jason - excused

Jessica - yes

Kim - yes

Tom - yes

Maggie - yes

Motion passes.

E. Board Training - September 13, 2025 for all charter schools in the state, run by AASB. Potentially a training for the board on successful communications/team building

Motion to extend meeting no longer than 845 by Mark. Seconded by Amanda.

Maggie - yes

Tom yes

Kim yes

Jessica - excused

Jason - yes

Mark - yes

Katie - yes

Amanda - yes

F. Professional Development -

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Motion to approve \$20,000 for professional development for travel for staff by KKelly.

Second MTruog.

Professional development is important for staff, allows staff to collaborate with colleagues and stay at the forefront of instruction. Any other options to fund from other boards?

Herr Strauch to ask ASD re: grants or other boards about potential funding.

Motion to table by MTruog. Second Amanda

Maggie - yes

Tom - abstain

Kim - no

Jessica - yes

Jason - yes

Mark - yes

Katie - yes

Amanda - yes

Item F has been tabled.

VI. Public Comment - comments made

VII. Board Member Comments - comments made

VIII. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn 840pm

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