



Rilke Schule APC Meeting Minutes Thursday, 18 September 2025

Attendance: Jason Hotch, Mark Truog, Katie Kelly, Amanda Thompson, Tom Honer, Herr Vincent Lang

Present via zoom: Maggie Weyrens, Kim Jochum, Jill Doniere, Herr Strauch

Excused absent: Jessica Frey

- I. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda and Minutes from 21AUG Meeting at 6:01pm
Motion by Amanda. Second by KKelly. Motion passes.
- 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.*
No comments
- III. Partner Organizations
 - A. RSV - referring to ourselves as PTO to increase engagement.. Set annual budget and updated bylaws. Had a successful open house with kindermode. Released sub-clubs such as a bakers guild. Another for sprachmeister flags. Allows involvement from parents. Oktoberfest will be the first weekend in October. Vendor applications already released for Christkindlmarkt.
 - B. RSI - 296 kids enrolled in clubs. Working on developing an alternative to the front door pickup. Events planned for the board and for development of a long term plan. Looking at best way to pay the interns instead of cash.
- IV. Reports
 - A. Schülerrat - elections in the next couple weeks
 - B. Officers
 1. Chair - board training over weekend AASB/ASD - half day Friday and all day Saturday. Good refresher and some new in depth information.
 2. Vice Chair - no update
 3. Treasurer - see Treasurer report
 4. Secretary - thank you to the person who started the APC board, will update further
 - C. Principal - see principal report. No applicants for the part-time custodian position.
 - D. Teachers - see report. 4th graders are building circuits this week with batteries and light bulbs. Successful exchange student program with German students. Library has an additional 1000+ books from Loussac and all the books were purchased from the wish list

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E. Committees:

1. Facilities/Outdoor - wrapped up the old facility
2. Strategic Planning - parent volunteers, Herr Strauch, Performance chair Jochum and Chair Hotch met for the committee with Strategic Plan member Thompson. They are establishing a plan to evaluate the goals and how to make sure everyone in the school can identify the goals. We can collect information on how we are already meeting goals as a starting point.
3. Performance - Working on reviewing process and gathering information on performance evaluation

V. Old Business

- A. Professional Development - request to look for different funding sources at previous meeting - RSI will match dollar for dollar up to \$10,000 for professional development. There are a few different conferences. A couple of staff members are attending Talkeetna conference - those teachers are paying out of pocket. Conference in NOLA - a few staff members expressed interest. PNCLF - in Portland in April. Will try and present at the conference. Member Truog searched for grants but APC alone cannot apply for the grants. Herr Strauch has not had the time to evaluate the potential grants.

*Motion to approve 10,000 for professional development by M.Truog, Second by K.Jochum
The 20,000 (10k from APC, 10k from RSI) may not cover everything but hopefully will help several staff participate. Also encouraged to continue looking for grant opportunities but challenging if it is being funded by the school. One conference is in November and will need to start the process if staff are able to attend.

Vote

Kim - yes

Maggie - yes

Tom - yes

Jill - yes

Mark - yes

Amanda - no

Jason - yes

Katie- yes

Motion passes

VI. New Business

A. Work sessions

Discussion: To try and avoid 3 hour meetings, if there are certain items that will take a lot of time during the meeting, we could start 30-45 minutes early in a less formal setting. Great idea for allowing better conversation. A good idea - do they have to be public, do we follow roberts rules, etc? Would be beneficial if it is the same day as the APC meeting. Maybe it does not have to do with what is on the agenda but also big items we don't have time to address during a meeting, e.g. grants.

- B. RSV/RSI meeting attendance for APC - Katie Kelly will make a document for members to volunteer to attend

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- C. Vacant APC seat - member seating. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered, amazing candidates applied and we hope anyone not nominated tonight will run for APC elections in the spring semester.

Motion to nominate Grace Johnston to the vacant position. by Herr Truog. Second by Herr Honer. She had a strong candidate statement and is involved with her community and also the Rilke community.

Vote

Kim - no

Maggie - yes

Mark - yes

Jason - no

Amanda - no

Katie - no

Tom - yes

Jill - yes

Vote 4-4, it does not pass.

Motion to nominate Susie Grobler by Amanda Thompson. No Second. Motion fails

Motion to nominate Mary Hopkins. Seconded by Kim Jochum.

Mary has run for APC election in the past and has strong board skills through managing a large staff. Has language in her background.

Kim - yes

Maggie - yes

Mark - yes

Jason - yes

Amanda - no

Katie - yes

Tom - yes

Jill - yes

Motion passes.

VII. Public Comment

Comments made.

VIII. Board Member Comments

Comments made

IX. Adjournment. Meeting adjourned 7:47pm

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