



Rilke Schule
Academic Policy Committee Minutes
Thursday, 20 November 2025
6:00 PM at Rilke Schule

Attendance: Jason Hotch, Mark Truog, Mary Hopkins, Kim Jochum, Jessica Frey, Katie Kelly, Jill Doniere, Herr Strauch, Herr Vincent-Lang
Zoom: Tom Honer

I. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda and Minutes from 18 OCT work session, 18OCT Meeting and 11NOV work session.

Call to order at 6pm. Katie moves to adopt agenda and minutes. Mark Seconds
Jason friendly amendment to agenda: move item D to item A. Second Katie.

Mark Yes
Jill Yes
Kim Yes
Jessica Yes
Mary Yes
Tom Yes
Jason Yes
Katie Yes

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. Consideration of APC Membership - possible action

Motion to table Jason. Second Katie

Discussion: Member Thompson sent resignation from APC board prior to start of meeting.

Kim Yes
Jessica Yes
Mary Yes
Jason Yes
Katie Yes
Mark Yes
Jill Yes
Tom Yes

Motion Passes

IV. Partner Organizations

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- A. RSV - most successful St Martinstag. Special thanks to Frau Doniere for helping craft the kids' lanterns. Santa and Krampus will visit classrooms. Christkindlmarkt is on Dec 6,7 - 31 community vendors and 26 kid booths. Reached out to local pre-k's to hopefully get new families into Rilke during Christkindlmarkt. Sub-clubs to help more get involved - new one will be community outreach to help with donations for any groups in need
- B. RSI - Spring clubs are now listed on the website. There are scholarships - please enroll - we have increased the giving for this year. Foraker will help with accounting.

V. Reports

- A. Schülerrat - none
- B. Officers

Chair - From Frau Robertson - Rilke has second student to receive a PhD

Vice Chair - drafting communications, letters to parents

Secretary - updated vacant seat policy

Treasurer - see report. Budget committee has met and a draft budget is started. We will likely spend only 19-20k of our unallocated/rollover funds

- C. Principal - see report
- D. Teachers - see report
- E. Committees:
 1. Facilities/Outdoor - work with district to do an indoor quality survey
 2. Strategic Planning
 3. Performance - signed performance objectives

VI. Old Business

- A. Vacant Seat Policy

Motion to approve the mid-term vacant seat policy as written by Kim. Second by Mark.

Kim Yes
 Jessica Yes
 Mary Yes
 Jason Yes
 Katie Yes
 Mark Yes
 Jill Yes
 Tom Yes

Motion passes

VII. New Business

- A. Rilke Track and Field Team - ASD sanctioned. Pay for a coach and one bus for the meet. Would start in the 4th quarter. There is already a person who wants to be the coach.
 Herr Honer has been coach, last year had 50 kids total. The ability for kids to participate in a team gave the kids a sense of belonging. Loved competing.

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We have discussed with how to help attrition with middle school. This would be a low barrier to get involved with district sports.

Motion to approve moving forward with the Track and Field Team by Mary. Second by Tom

Kim Yes

Jessica Yes

Mary Yes

Jason Yes

Katie Yes

Mark Yes

Jill Yes

Tom Yes

Motion passes

B. APC Election Committee Formation - Kim and Jessica with a parent volunteer

C. Rightsizing/Facility

ASD Board voted not to close the schools recommended by ASD administration. We will continue to engage with ASD. We are in a facility with a closure deadline. We have 2 years in the current facility. Herr Strauch and Chair have started conversations with ASD administration to try and improve what we can while we are here.

- Repairs on the boiler but not a replacement
- Other potential changes: adding relocatables (we need 2 more classrooms), long term we likely will level out between 510-520 students but probably be above that for a couple years. We need more space. Potentially change middle school space to have more functional rooms. We need to show up and let the ASD board know they need to follow through with their action to prioritize Rilke.
- Are we going to want to stay here? If so, can we get bonded for the improvements?
- OR are we going to wait until ASD board potentially closes a school?

Talking points for community - how to advocate for Rilke by contacting ASD Board. How do we get some inroads with someone on the ASD board

- Lay out all the options - can we present to the ASD board what we need?
- Can we build something? There is no land to build on but it would be great
- ASD will have a building assessment - cost to completely renovate vs fix
- Advocate at December ASD Board meetings - Dec 2 and 16 - get families out
- What are the risks involved, who has the control and what are the timelines for potential building options
- ASD setting up a strategic financial planning committee
- Maybe not a hurdle to extend fire marshall waiver
- There is bond money that was earmarked for upgrade initially however then it was set aside for demolition of building
- If we start investing significant money into the building, will they want to demolish?
- We need details from ASD administration and the board to figure out how the bond money can be used
- HOW will ASD board prioritize Rilke - give them options

ACTION - Talking Points

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- Facility committee being formed to develop decision tree regarding potential options
- Letter to School board and Administration regarding demo date

D. Communications

Motion to create talking points for the community to advocate for Rilke. Mary. Katie second

. Kim Yes
 Jessica Yes
 Mary Yes
 Jason Yes
 Katie Yes
 Mark Yes
 Jill Yes
 Tom Yes

Motion passes.

Motion to write to ASD administration and ASD board to confirm in writing that Rilke Schule can occupy this building as long as needed. Katie. Mary seconded

Kim Yes
 Jessica Yes
 Mary Yes
 Jason Yes
 Katie Yes
 Mark Yes
 Jill Yes
 Tom Yes

Motion passes

Motion for Vice Chair to draft ASD Board from the APC that advocates for Rilke. Mary seconds.

- Discuss our disappointment
 Kim Yes
 Jessica Yes
 Mary Yes
 Jason Yes
 Katie Yes
 Mark Yes
 Jill Yes
 Tom Yes

Motion passes

VIII. - Invite board members to the building or to community activities (Christkindlmarkt)
 Public Comment
 Comments made.

IX. Board Member Comments
 Comments made.

X. Adjournment
 Adjourned at 7:56pm

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