



Academic Policy Committee
August 14, 2025 * 758 N. Shoreline Drive Wasilla, AK

Minutes

The Charter Vision:

Our vision is that our children and youth become life-long learners and are successful in their chosen path.

Our Mission: Our children and youth receive a world-class education through exceptional Alaska Native culture and values-based learning opportunities preparing them for success in their future endeavors.

- Land Acknowledgement & Invocation
- Call to Order 5:09 PM
- Roll Call
 - Elena Gorovaya *Present*
 - Esther Shade *Present*
 - Sara Engen *Present*
 - Isha Twitchell *Not Present*
 - Michele Harmeling *Present*
 - Geraldine Nicoli-Ayonayon *Present*
 - Emily Pendergast *Present*
- Approval of current Agenda with *Emily makes motion to approve agenda, Elena seconds, motion carried*
- Approval of Minutes for May 8, 2025 *Emily makes motion to approve minutes with amendment to the appointed seats that are up, Esther seconds, motion carried.*

1. New Business

A. APC Seats Up

- a. *Seat A - Isha seat is up and is appointed by tribe, seat is for 3 years - Geraldine to work with tribe to pick seat*
- b. *Seat F - Michele seat is up and is elected, seat is for 3 years - Jason Moen to reach out to parents to see who is interested and put in news letter*

B. ABLE Credit Recovery for Students

- a. *Allows credit recovery for students behind to allow to catch up for graduation*
- b. *Offer on a limited basis*
- c. *Other schools have a process we can model after*
- d. *Current 25.5 credit requirement*
 - i. *Isha supports and Esther seconds, motion to vote.*
 1. *Emily, Esther, Elena, Geraldine, Sara vote to approve*

C. Graduation Requirements

- a. *Mat-su Central adopted similar requirements and pathways*
- b. *We want to be inline and not compete so correspondence can grow*
- c. *Has not been finalized by school but Knik Charter will align*
 - i. *Emily motion to approve, Elena seconds*



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D. School Goals

- a. Incentive/recognition programs
- b. Embedding culture into daily, weekly, monthly and yearlong plans
- c. PE/Health instruction throughout the year
- d. Increase activities and field trips
 - i. 10 kids to Elders and Youth Conference
 - ii. 9-12 Students for Future Entrepreneurs
- e. Increase collaboration with Knik Tribe STEAM Academy
 - i. working with Brock and Carl to maximize student access
 - ii. add more staff to STEAM Academy
- f. Increase Safety protocol
 - i. Almost done

2. Committee Reports & Updates

A. Principal report

Student Population:

- A. 255 enrolled across all programs
- B. Kindergarten - 7th is full
- C. Kindergarten - 6th has a waitlist with 3-8 kids each

Staffing:

- A. New Science teacher - Craig Brock
- B. New Math teacher - Mark
- C. New Correspondence Secretary - Fawn Hand
- D. New Administrative Secretary - Renetta Gafford
- E. Ms. Angie converted from recess monitor to Charter Assistant

3. Old Business

- A. No old business

4. Persons to be heard & Member Comments

No Member comments

5. Date and time of next meeting and adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Emily, Sara seconds. Adjourn 6:08 PM. Next meeting September 11th 2025 at 5:00pm.