



Academic Policy Committee  
December 11, 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 5:04 PM
- Roll Call
  - Esther Shade *Tardy*
  - Sara Engen *Present*
  - Nicole Kalmakoff *Present*
  - Geraldine Nicoli-Ayonayon *Present*
  - Emily Pendergast *Present*
  - Hilary Stark - *Present*
- Approval of current Agenda *Nikki makes a motion to approve agenda, Emily seconds, motion carried*
- Approval of Minutes with edit for November 11, 2025 *Emily makes motion to approve minutes, Nikki seconds, motion carried.*

### 1. Committee Reports & Updates

#### A. Principal report

##### *Student Population:*

- A. *In-person 188*
- B. *Blended 20*
- C. *Correspondence 38*
- D. *Total 246*

*Enrollment steadily increasing since school inception: 2023 - 130, 2024 - 178, 2025 -*

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##### *Class 2026 Graduation Update:*

- A. *3 midyear graduates*
  - a. *1 correspondence student, 2 in person*
- B. *On track to have 12 graduates in total*



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### *Upcoming Events and Activities:*

- A. 12/11: KCS Title 1 Event at MTLC-STEAM Academy
- B. 12/18: Last day of Semester 1
- C. 12/19/2025-1/4/2026: Winter break
- D. 1/5: First Day of Semester 2
- E. 1/8: APC Meeting 5:00pm

## **2. New Business**

- A. Cultural Planning
  - a. Stated 2 years ago w/ K-5 lessons plans split into different regions by grade
  - b. Need a committee to plan comprised of APC member, parent, teacher, and elder
    - i. Spread to K-12 with culminating experience
    - ii. Take curriculum in place and add to it, ex language ABC & numbers
    - iii. Sara, Lulu, Ethel, Paiyuraq, for the committee, will need an elder
      - 1. Lulu will reach out to tribe for interest
    - iv. Extended contracts for teachers to pay for additional time
    - v. Pay elders for their time as well
- B. Professional Development for Cultural training for Teachers
  - a. Did a mandatory Monday Meeting
  - b. Will tie in once a month staff meeting w/ STEAM staff
  - c. Carl to come in and give background information about school
  - d. Add questions to interview to new staff about cultural base school
  - e. Educate about charter school vs public
    - i. Jason to work with Carl for schedule
  - f. AK Native Heritage Center is good place for outside sources on Professional Development days
- C. Meeting moved to executive session

## **3. Old Business**

- A. No old business

## **4. Persons to be heard & Member Comments**

- A. No persons to be heard

## **5. Date and time of next meeting and adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn by Emily, Nikki seconds. Adjourn 6:30 PM. Next meeting is January 8th 2026 at 5:00pm.*