



Academic Policy Committee
January 8, 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 5:03 PM
- Roll Call
 - Esther Shade *Tardy*
 - Sara Engen *Absent*
 - Nicole Kalmakoff *Present*
 - Geraldine Nicoli-Ayonayon *Present*
 - Emily Pendergast *Present*
 - Hilary Stark - *Present*
 - Elena Gorovaya - *Present*
- Approval of current Agenda *Emily makes motion to approve agenda, Nikki seconds, motion carried*
- Approval of Minutes for December 11, 2025 *Emily makes motion to approve minutes, Nikki seconds, motion carried.*

1. Committee Reports & Updates

A. Principal report

Student Population: Want numbers high going into summer to start strong in Fall 2026

A. In-person 191

B. Blended 20

C. Correspondence 38

D. Total 250

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

202

Campus Updates:

A. Portable 20 roof blown off in windstorm

a. Ceiling, electric, and heating still intact

b. Being repaired and should be fixed in the next week

c. Staff working in main office until repair finished

B. Darnisha Dooby

a. Working on educational endorsement

b. Was in attendance for PLC on Monday, cultural curriculum meeting, and APC meeting



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Class Outings:

- A. *Ice fishing trip to Finger Lake*
 - a. *Students built rods in class*
- B. *Reindeer Farm field trip*
 - a. *Kindergarten and first grade students attended.*

Upcoming Events and Activities:

- A. *1/7: Curriculum Committee Meeting 8AM*
- B. *1/8: APC meeting 5PM*
- C. *1/13 Field trip to Aladdin at the Glenn Massey*
- D. *1/14: Spelling Bee in Portable 20 at 10AM*

2. New Business

- A. No new business

3. Old Business

- A. Cultural Curriculum Committee Meeting
 - a. Has had 2 meeting so far
 - b. Meetings scheduled for 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 8am in main office
 - c. Narrowing focus for events and activities
 - i. Examples berry picking start simple with kindergarteners and more complicated as grade level increase
 - ii. Have cultural and state standards
 - iii. Month lessons based on value - "Know yourself", where did you come from
 - d. Still need an elder from the Tribe
 - e. Jason getting with Carl for teacher training for on boarding and maintain for current teachers
- B. Staff survey
 - a. Questions are agreed upon
 - b. Will use Survey Monkey and send on Monday and give staff until Friday to complete
- C. APC Training - 1 hour long
 - a. Add on to meeting
 - b. Will need to be in person
 - c. Scheduled for March 5th

4. Persons to be heard & Member Comments

- A. No Persons to be hear

5. Date and time of next meeting and adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Nikki, Emily seconds. Adjourn 5:36 PM. Next meeting February 12, 2026 at 5:00pm.