



Rilke Schule
Academic Policy Committee Agenda
Thursday, 19 February 2026
6:00 PM at Rilke Schule

Attendance: Kim Jochum, Susie Grobler, Jessica Frey, Mary Hopkins, Katie Kelly, Mark Truog, Jill Doniere, Herr Vincent-Lang, Herr Strauch

- I. Call to Order at 6:03pm and Adoption of Agenda and Minutes from 15 JAN meeting.
Motion to adopt. Second Mark. No dissent. Motion adopted.
- II. Public Comment: *Members of the public are allowed 2 minutes each per meeting total 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.*
Comments made.
- III. Partner Organizations
 - A. RSV - Fur Rondy parade is 28FEB. Giving tree continues in front office. Cub scout fundraiser. Treat cart went around last Friday - much appreciated by staff. Logo wear sale and kindermode will occur during lunchtime on conference days.
 - B. RSI - Voided 20,000 check that was for the custodian due to ASD rules. When RSI gets a request from APC, the funds are still there. Intern committee - are there other options for intern program, etc. Upgraded clubs technology.
- IV. Reports
 - A. Schülerrat - none available
 - B. Officers
 1. Chair - absent
 2. Vice Chair - no report
 3. Treasurer - see report. Due to modifications to teacher's salaries from the latest AEA contract, we will use approximately 70,000 of our reserve funds.
 4. Secretary - to order name plate
 - C. Principal - see report. So far, 83 kids have applied to the lottery for kindergarten next year. It will be open until the end of March. Our library has the 1/3 most checked out books in the district.
Math curriculum - there will be 2-3 teachers that explore different math curriculums. We are currently with ASD's Ready Mathematics - subscription concludes during the 2026-2027 school year. Our school has 40-45 minute Math blocks where non-immersion programs have 60 minutes. We need to explore all options. Several charters use alternative math curriculum from

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district and small team will shadow those schools to learn more about them. Pilot of potential curriculum next year before options are presented to the APC. Present curriculum to APC March 2026-2027.

Dress code - Schulerrat input on policy. It will be in the Handbook - should come before APC at March meeting

D. Teachers - see report. 4200 books added to the library this year! All kids are getting out there on cross country skis. Sign up genius to help in classroom.

E. Committees:

1. Facilities/Outdoor - following ASD updates, APC would tour building if Rilke gets an offer from ASD,, community outreach not until there is an offer with families. Applied for the clean air school challenge - approved for \$2500 to get air tested etc. and potential for additional funding to help improve air quality
2. Strategic Planning - no updates
3. Performance - principal evaluation was completed. Surveys for APC, staff and community members.
Formal complaint related to Election public forum. Rilke Schule APC Ethics and Inquiries subcommittee has evaluated the complaint. In summary, the February 5th forum was carried out as planned, but a miscommunication in the announcement created confusion and a brief interpersonal conflict. By implementing procedural clarity and transparent communications, future candidate forums can foster equitable engagement, maintain trust, and provide all participants with a clear understanding of how to engage meaningfully and appropriately with the APC and the election process.

V. New Business

A. Principal Hiring Committee

Motion to form principal hiring committee: Chair Hotch, Vice Chair Hopkins, Performance Chair Kim. Second Mark.

The application closes 23FEB. We have applicants from the district and out of state. Final 3 candidates: they get a day to shadow, public forums for community, and panel interview with each candidate
Motion passes.

B. RSI Funds: Katie Motions to use the \$20,000 from RSI for the purchase of chromebooks. Second Mary.

Discussion: each year about 50 chromebooks are bought to replace old technology or those that no longer work.

We will lose around 200 chromebooks in fall of 2027. If we want to replace those chromebooks it would be \$60,000.

RSI is waiting for direction for the funds.

****RSI would like APC to request potential funds needed for the upcoming year from RSI by April for 2026-2027****

March meeting - agenda item to have RSI request

Motion passes.

C. APC Policy update - need to update policies. Send all edits prior to the next meeting. First reading in March.

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- D. Facility discussion
 - Re-send Lake Otis information to the board
 - ASD can make a decision as early as Tuesday
- E. School logo use
 - Process for school logo use in policy
 - If used outside of policy, we ask whoever uses it to get approval.
 - Next steps to be determined.
- F. APC Election results

Results - Rilke Schule APC Election 2026

Start: 2026-02-06 13:00:00 America/Anchorage
End: 2026-02-15 17:00:00 America/Anchorage
Turnout: 152 (23.2%) of 655 electors voted in this ballot.

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Option	Votes
Mark Truog	111 (25.5%)
Katie Kelly	105 (24.1%)
Mary Hopkins	91 (20.9%)
Adam Reimer	78 (17.9%)
Grace Coles	35 (8.0%)
Kennan Knudson	16 (3.7%)

VOTER SUMMARY

Total Voters	152
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VI. Executive Session

Motion to enter an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters relating to the principals performance evaluation by Mark Truog. Second Katie. Invite Herr Strauch.
 All in favor. Motion Passes.
 Executive session ended 8:10pm

Mark moves to extend the meeting no longer than 30 minutes. Jess second.
 Motion passes

Herr Strauch had his 4th year in a row with an exemplary rating. Staff evaluation went up 10%. The contract would be a 3 year contract extension.

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- VIII. Board Member Comments
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- IX. Adjournment
 Meeting adjourned 8:19pm

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