Rilke Schule
Academic Policy Committee Minutes
Thursday, 27 August 2026

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

I. Call to Order at 6pm
   JFrey moves to adopt agenda and minutes from 21 MAY meeting. Second M.Hopkins
      Friendly amendment by J Hotch: Move Exec Session to Item III. Add item G. Mural discussion. Accepted by JFrey
   Motion passes.

II. Public Comment: Comments made.

III. Executive Session. JHotch motions to enter into executive session at 6:07pm for item 2 - personnel. MHopkins seconded. 6:07pm
      Executive Session ended 6:25pm

IV. Partner Organizations
   A. RSV - Kindermode great success. Oktoberfest planning, September 19 at Finn's Kitchen at Hilltop.
   B. RSI - First meeting moved to Aug 31, 2026

V. Reports
   A. Schülerrat - none
   B. Officers
      1. Treasurer's Report - see report. Great year last year and came in under budget. Approximately 1.8 million in rollover funds
      2. Vice chair - none
      3. Chair - none
      4. Secretary - bulletin board made
   C. Principal - See attached report. Great start to the year. First pickup was 32 minutes, and today was 11 minutes. Current enrollment is 511. District has adopted ELA curriculum for 6-8th grade and will pilot in January 2027 - if we adopt we get benefits of training/pricing/etc. Full rollout August 2027. Rilke should get around $61,000 dollars from additional legislative funding. Thankful to UAA and church for parking help during dropoff/pickup.
   D. Staff - grateful for the additional days to unpack classroom and for additional teachers. Herr Hensley - carpet in music room needs a deep cleaning/consider replacement. 5th grade class sizes are 30 each and APC could consider additional teacher next year.

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Math pilot - what information does the APC need to help decide on the math curriculum? **APC email request to administration**

E. Committees:
   1. Facilities/Outdoor - on the radar is playground equipment for upcoming years. Partner with RSI/RSV on fundraising.
   2. Strategic Planning - reviewing strategic plan
   3. Performance - Herr Barr started

VI. Old Business

A. Dress Code Policy
MTruog motions to discuss dress code policy. JFrey seconded.
Discussion around leggings as pants - solid vs patterned. Minutes state solid color pants/leggings of any color. Some understood patterned under skirts was ok. For gender equality, solid pants/leggings for all circumstances. In the future, we should allow review time after editing documents live.

VII. New Business

A. UAA Parking Permits
Motion to approve Option 2 of the UAA parking permit proposal by KKelly. Second JHotch.
Head count: 11 -13 staff interested. 18,000 would be cost for all staff. Potentially move forward to cap at 15 spots and see how it goes for the school year. If staff choose, they will park at Wendy Williamson parking lot. We are at a loss of 35-40 spots compared to prior buildings. Come winter, it will become more challenging. This would provide more parking spaces. Individual cost is $416 a spot for the year.
Motion amendment: Motion to approve Option 1 of the UAA parking permit proposal and allow a maximum of 15 permits for the 2026-2027 school year by KKelly. Seconded Hotch
All in favor.
Motion passes.

B. Paraprofessional Staff Positions
JHotch: Motion to approve 2 paraprofessional positions and dissolve the 0.6 guidance counselor position for the 2026-2027 school year. Second M. Hopkins.
We have a large need - one para filled a classroom staff position and we are currently down one para. Our WIN model needs paraprofessionals to have enough time/staff to run it. The guidance counselor position has been open for a long period and has not been filled - likely because it is 0.6. Budget season is coming and we can discuss counselor position for upcoming year. Paraprofessional 70k for 1.0 FTE. We do not have any German interns this year which makes the K/1 grades more challenging.
All members in favor.
Motion passes.

C. Dual Enrollment Policy
Move to discuss Dual Enrollment Policy by J.Frey. Second K.Kelly
Trying to move forward with a policy. Middle schools and high schools in the district are seeing an increased interest in dual enrollment. Purpose: family need, access outside curriculum, sports related program. We do not

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get funding for the student if they are dual enrollment. It is challenging for upper grade levels because of the variable schedules in 5th/6th and 7th/8th. There is a structural barrier if classes are getting rearranged for students and does not meet our charter goals. Dual enrolled students will be grandfathered in for the 2026-2027 school year.
Questions for admin: **How does ASD designate home school for funding?**

D. APC Meeting Schedule - Third Thursday of every month except March. Move to March 25.
E. Rilke Schule Middle School Sports
Motion to approve a volleyball team at Rilke Schule for middle school sports starting fall 2026. J Hotch. Second MHopkins.
Volleyball can be done this year but we need to approve ASAP.
Students in middle school can only play for their zoned school - all Rilke students could not join Wendler team unless zoned for the school.
All in favor.
Motion passes
F. Wendler use of the gymnasium for sports practice.
Motion to allow administration to manage use of our facility by Wendler for Fall 2026 giving priority to Rilke Schule activities by J.Hotch Second M. Hopkins.
Friendly amendment by JDoniere: for the 2026-2027 school year. Accepted by Hotch
    - Request for use of gym starting at 415 pm - discussed with Clubs - would have to move to rooms. Challenging when our school is active until 4:30pm/5pm. However, we should allow use of gym if we are not using it.

All in favor. Motion passes

G. Mural discussion
Motion to discuss proposal to paint a mural on the wall where school drop off by JHotch. Second KJochum
Service mural just completed, would be great to have student art project alongside artist.
Confirm approval. Work with art class potentially - would not occur this school year. Sketches and plan this year for future.
SGrobler to reach out to ASD to get approval - tentative timeline, etc

VIII. Public Comment - Comments made.

IX. Board Member Comments - Comments made

X. Adjournment 809pm

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