



Rilke Schule
Academic Policy Committee Minutes
Tuesday, November 14, 2023
6:00PM @ Rilke Schule

In accordance with Alaska State Statute, the Rilke Schule APC, under contract with the Anchorage School Board, operates this charter school. The purpose of the Academic Policy Committee is to provide strategic governance for the school and its future. The board meets publicly to conduct the business of the school. The board is comprised of voting and advisory members representing parents, faculty and staff. Parent-elected representatives serve staggered, three-year terms with elections every February. The Academic Policy Committee values public comments and encourages all interested parties to submit written public comments on any subject to apc_rilke@asdk12.org. Fifteen minutes are reserved at the beginning and end of each regular meeting for public comments. *Next scheduled meeting 21 December 2023*

Present: Megan Olson, Connie Jessen, Mark Truog, Rebecca Colvin, Herr Strauch, Jason Hotch, Maggie Weyrens, Herr Vincent-Lang, Lisa Robertson, Robin Phillips
Present via Zoom: Katie Kelly

- I. Call to order at 6:03 PM & Adoption of Agenda and Minutes from 19 October 2023.
Mark Truog moved to adopt the Agenda and Minutes from October 19 Regular Meeting, Jason Hotch seconded.

Megan Olson	yay
Connie Jessen	yay
Mark Truog	yay
Rebecca Colvin	yay
Jason Hotch	yay
Maggie Weyrens	yay
Robin PHillips	yay
Lisa Robertson	yay
Katie Kelly	yay

Upon motion duly made and seconded, roll call vote with all members voting in favor, Minutes adopted.

- II. Public Comment: *Members of the public are allowed 2 minutes each 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.*

III. Partner Organizations

- A. RSV- Representative Andi Beausang- not present as a representative. Sankt Martinstag has been officially canceled. Planning Papa Murphy fundraiser later this month, date TBD. Preparing for Christkindlmarkt.
B. RSI- no representative present.

IV. Reports

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A. Officers

1. Chair- charter workgroup had a productive session last week and will continue to schedule session to session. It is saved in the Board drive for review, not for editing.
2. Vice Chair- nothing new to report.
3. Secretary- please submit pictures for the bulletin board.
4. Treasurer- see report as submitted.

ACTION ITEM: Treasurer Truog will review the utilities costs year over year and share that with the APC.

B. Principal- see report as submitted.

ACTION ITEM: For next data report can we see individual grades, or at the very least Kindergarten? Can we see where other K-3 students are in the district? Can we filter this out with kids that came from preschool into Kindergarten and not?

C. Teachers- 1st quarter grades are finished, parent-teacher conferences had high participation rates with some reporting 100%. Staff appreciated the lunches from RSV. 5th grade had a UAA field trip, great success.

D. Schülerrat- no representative present.

E. Committees:

1. Facilities/Outdoor- the last of the bookshelves have been moved into the library. The creek in the back has been cleared, the playground is no longer flooded, and the trails in the back are accessible now.
2. Strategic Planning- Connie Jessen- Timi Tullis (Association of Alaska School Boards) has been consulted on how to move forward with strategic planning. Connie is meeting tomorrow with Chair Colvin and will be looking at the current materials. The committee will be drafting up something between now and the next meeting. Suggestion to do mission, vision, values, and 3 goals. Asking for community feedback on the three goals in January. How can we capture the Rilke staff's voice?
3. Performance- timeline for the Principal Performance Review- this involves the whole community. By December, a draft survey will be shared with APC that the whole community will get in January. It will be open for 4 weeks for community members to submit feedback. It closes in February, and feedback can be given. Herr Strauch's goals for the year were increasing community volunteering, building student community, spending more Principal time in classrooms, and to impact and report on student outcomes.

V. Old Business

- A. Charter Renewal 2025 update- have completed 4/8 sections, have another meeting scheduled in the next week or so.
- B. Schedule APC Christkindlmarkt representation-APC members are available to give information to interested parties at CKM, and Vice Chair Kelly can provide materials on paper to have on hand for interested families to take with them.

VI. New Business

- A. Notification to ASD of Rilke Schule's intent to seek ASD-held facility- our lease is expiring in 2025. Rent is Rilke Schule's second highest expense. We can request the

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ASD to find a home for Rilke Schule in one of the ASD facilities. Truog moves that Rilke Schule submits a notice of intent to ASD that Rilke Schule would like to seek the opportunity to move into an ASD facility. Seconded by Robertson. Discussion.

Megan Olson	yay
Connie Jessen	yay
Mark Truog	yay
Rebecca Colvin	yay
Jason Hotch	yay
Maggie Weyrens	yay
Robin Phillips	yay
Lisa Robertson	yay
Katie Kelly	yay

Upon motion duly made and seconded, roll call vote with all members voting in favor, motion passes.

- B. Elections Committee formation- falls under Performance Committee for February 2024 elections. 2 APC members that are not up for re-election, and one parent at-large from the community. Megan Olson and Connie Jessen both have terms that expire in February. Mark Truog and Katie Kelly volunteer.
- C. Grants Committee formation-grants are an untapped resource for revenue streams. Can we engage community members in this process as well? Especially for funneling ideas on how to get revenue streams. APC does need to approve grants that are applied for on behalf of Rilke Schule. Olson moved to form an ad hoc committee to seek grants that benefit Rilke Schule. Truog second.

Megan Olson	yay
Connie Jessen	yay
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- D. Schedule Special session for early December to finalize and approve FY 2025 budget. Herr Truog moves to extend the meeting no longer than 30 minutes as allowed by the bylaws. Hotch second. Herr Phillips offers a friendly amendment to amend the motion to a fixed amount of time. Truog accepts the friendly amendment to extend the meeting no longer than 10 minutes as allowed by the bylaws.

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ACTION ITEM: Secretary to schedule a special APC meeting on December 7 at 1800.

VII. Public Comment- one person commented.

VIII. Executive Session- none.

IX. Adjournment - Herr Phillips moved to adjourn, Hotch seconded.

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