



Rilke Schule
Academic Policy Committee Minutes
Thursday, March 21, 2024
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 18 April 2024*

Present: Akara Anglin, Jason Hotch, Rebecca Colvin, Herr Strauch, Maggie Weyrens,
Lisa Robertson, Katie Kelly, Herr Vincent-Lang
Excused Absent: Mark Truog, Herr Phillips
Present Via Zoom: Amanda Thompson

- I. Call to order & Adoption of Agenda and Minutes from 15 February 2024 Regular Meeting. Call to order at 6:04 P.M. Facilities Chair Hotch moved to adopt agenda and minutes from 15 February Regular Meeting. Frau Robertson seconded. Roll call vote:

Frau Robertson	Yay
Jason Hotch	Yay
Rebecca Colvin	Yay
Katie Kelly	Yay
Akara Anglin	Yay
Maggie Weyrens	Yay
Amanda Thompson	Yay

Motion passes.

- 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.* No commenters.

III. Partner Organizations

- A. RSV- Frau Brewer-Fur Rony parade was huge success. Huge turnout, ran out of 1100 Haribos less than halfway through. Kindermode- possibly at kindergarten round up in April. 8th grade graduation needs parent volunteer to coordinate purchase of gifts for the ceremony. Discussed creating new RSV logo. Discussed purchasing a chair for the teacher's lounge, bought it, in place. Discussed for next spring doing an auction fundraiser, like a big gala or fundraiser for Rilke. Passed this idea to RSI as RSV focuses on cultural events. Papa Murphy's fundraiser coming in April, Kino Abend in March made more money than Feb, doing one in April, maybe May. Discussing clothing drive with big Brothers and Sisters Anchorage. Kinderlauf in full swing, huge fundraiser.

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- B. RSI- not present, Chair Colvin to read report out loud from their Representative. Their next meeting is in April-looking for 3 more board members, can email RSI at general email. Jump into German camp registration is open. Herr Strauch should be sending that out.

IV. Reports

A. Officers

1. Chair- met with building owner about Aug 2025 lease expiration. They got a tour of the building. Chair also attending biweekly meetings of charter workgroup, working on strategic plan, working on Principals contract. We need to schedule a tri-board meeting.
2. Co-Chair- similar as Chair, also got letters sent out to ASD Board, and legislators. Does anyone care if all the names of the Board members are on there? Discussion. Consensus is yes, but Members should be given the opportunity to review what their names are put on, given a reasonable amount of time to review.
3. Treasurer- see report.
4. Secretary- also working on charter, strategic plan, grants committee training.

B. Principal- see report. Made moves to improve the school tour, and we have had great responses from applicants about it. Need a person that is willing to lead the drive to get the School Business Partnership moving forward. Amanda Thompson volunteered to help drive this process. This account would be through RSI, account would be open to benefit the school. Can we cross-pollinate with the Grants committee folks?

C. Teachers-Have AK Star testing schedule. Did Declamation contest before break. State Battle of the Books (BoB) fantastic results this year. 7/8th grade 1st in state. $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{5}{8}$ teams top 5 in state. Book lists come out in April, so Frau Reimer orders them early on thriftbooks.com to get a jump on the next year's competition. The teachers read the books in class to generate interest in BoB. Finished up STAMP test today. Need kids to wear appropriate clothes for recess. This is Frau Robertson's last meeting for the APC. Frau Doniere will be joining APC in April. Board thanks to Frau Robertson for serving on the Board.

D. Schülerrat- no representative.

E. Committees:

1. Facilities/Outdoor- HVAC. West side of building units have been inoperable some time in February. It is continually blowing fuses. Met with a person in charge of the maintenance crew and we forced recirculating and intake fans to run at a lower rate than full power. Trane rep onsite April 5th to review the entire unit to figure out replacement parts/do an audit of the entire unit. Potentially a transformer issue. Fire alarm did not go off for drill. Guardian is aware.
2. Strategic Planning- currently open position. Mission, Vision, and Goals are complete. Herrs Strauch and Vincent-Lang are putting in objectives and action items for each goal area. We would like to adjust wording a bit, but it is almost complete.
3. Performance-currently open position. Co-Chair can report. Herr Strauch will continue as Principal. We have to finalize the contract and get that signed. Can now use google form for next year. Have adjusted timeline to get everything completed at February meetings. Will vote at the next meeting on the revision.

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V. Old Business

A. 4th/5th Grade ELA Curriculum- Co-Chair Kelly motioned to untable the motion to discuss the 4/5th grade CKLA curriculum, Facilities Chair Hotch seconded. Roll call vote:

Frau Robertson	Yay
Jason Hotch	Yay
Rebecca Colvin	Yay
Katie Kelly	Yay
Akara Anglin	Yay
Maggie Weyrens	Yay
Amanda Thompson	Yay

Motion passes.

Discussion. We have had strongest growth probably across state under this CKLA with our fantastic teachers and paras. Have received great feedback from leaders at ASD on our performance. This has already been purchased by ASD for the K-3 adopters, so we will be getting this in the classroom anyway. We just are asking for APC approval. Co-Chair Kelly motioned to adopt the 4/5th grade CKLA curriculum as proposed, Facilities Chair Hotch seconded. Roll call vote:

Frau Robertson	Yay
Jason Hotch	Yay
Rebecca Colvin	Yay
Katie Kelly	Yay
Akara Anglin	Yay
Maggie Weyrens	Yay
Amanda Thompson	Yay

Motion passes.

B. Presentation of Governor's Proposed Charter School Changes- Amanda Thompson presents summary document. Discussion. Need for legislators to understand how the charters function in our state. That understanding is critical to their decision-making. None of these charter proposals impact our charter here now.

VI. New Business

A. Naming of Officers and Committee Chairs-Introduction to new board members about how this process works, and how the positions are all up for nominations and votes. Can motion for single positions, or multiple positions. Last year someone moved for all seven Board positions in one. All positions have to be moved for and be voted upon. The motion itself has to be the nomination. Akara Aglin moved to nominate herself for Performance Committee Chair. Facilities Chair Hotch seconded. Roll call vote:

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Jason Hotch	Yay
Rebecca Colvin	Yay
Katie Kelly	Yay

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Akara Anglin Yay
Maggie Weyrens Yay
Amanda Thompson Yay
Motion passes.

Katie Kelly moved to appoint Rebecca Colvin Chair, Katie Kelly Vice-Chair, Jason Hotch Facilities Chair, Maggie Weyrens Strategic Planning Chair, Amamda Thompson Secretary, Mark Truog Treasurer. Frau Robertson seconded. Roll call vote:

Frau Robertson Yay
Jason Hotch Yay
Rebecca Colvin Yay
Katie Kelly Yay
Akara Anglin Yay
Maggie Weyrens Yay
Amanda Thompson Yay
Motion passes.

Action Item: Herr Strauch, please update the website with the new members and roles. Will get new nameplates for new members.

- B. Letter of Intent for Charter Renewal- Chair Colvin moved that we send a letter of intent for charter renewal to the school district, Co-chair Kelly seconded. Roll call vote:

Frau Robertson Yay
Jason Hotch Yay
Rebecca Colvin Yay
Katie Kelly Yay
Akara Anglin Yay
Maggie Weyrens Yay
Amanda Thompson Yay
Motion passes.

- C. Policy removals from Charter- removing the policies from the charter would mean that we review and revise the policies under our own APC policies. We wouldn't get rid of them, we would be removing them from the charter itself. It is not a part of what the charter renewal typically is. We are adding flexibility to new boards to make adjustments as they see fit for dress code and nutrition.
- D. School Name Change survey- another part of the charter renewal discussion is that there is some question of whether we should change our name to better represent what Rilke offers. Like Rilke Schule German Charter School, Rilke Schule German Immersion Schule, or Rilke Schule School of Arts and Sciences, etc. The current name is very specific and doesn't lend itself to our philosophy necessarily. We want it to represent who we are. We are a German Immersion school, not Steam, technology, arts, science. We won't change what we are doing. But should people know we are a charter school, and know we are Immersion? This might help define who we are to the

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public. Should we pursue this survey to get community input? Discussion. Members agree a survey should be sent to the Rilke community with name options.

Action Item: Herr Strauch to send survey to Rilke community with name change options, or to keep same name. Will determine options in Charter Workgroup. Facilities Chair Hotch moved to extend the meeting by 30 minutes. Co-Chair Kelly seconded. Roll Call vote:

Frau Robertson	Yay
Jason Hotch	Yay
Rebecca Colvin	Yay
Katie Kelly	Yay
Akara Anglin	Yay
Maggie Weyrens	Yay
Amanda Thompson	Yay

Motion passes.

VII. Public Comment- no commenters.

VIII. Executive Session- Principal Contract. Chair Colvin moved to go into executive session to discuss Principal Contract, private personnel matters. Co-Chair Kelly seconded. Roll call vote:

Frau Robertson	Yay
Jason Hotch	Yay
Rebecca Colvin	Yay
Katie Kelly	Yay
Akara Anglin	Yay
Maggie Weyrens	Yay
Amanda Thompson	Yay

Motion passes. Board Members entered into executive session at 7:59 P.M. Executive Session ended at 8:09 P.M.

IX. Adjournment - Facilities Chair Hotch motioned to adjourn. Performance Chair Anglin seconded. Roll call vote:

Jason Hotch	Yay
Rebecca Colvin	Yay
Katie Kelly	Yay
Akara Anglin	Yay
Maggie Weyrens	Yay
Amanda Thompson	Yay

Motion passes, with all present members voting in favor. Upon motion duly made and seconded, with all members voting in favor, motion passes. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

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