



Rilke Schule
Academic Policy Committee Minutes
Thursday, April 18, 2024
6:00 PM at 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 16 May 2024*

Present: Akara Anglin, Jason Hotch, Rebecca Colvin, Herr Strauch, Maggie Weyrens, Katie Kelly, Amanda Thompson, Mark Truog, Herr Phillips

Excused Absent: Jill Doniere

Guest: Herr Vincent-Lang

- I. Call to order & Adoption of Agenda and Minutes from 15 February 2024 Regular Meeting.
Call to order at 6:01 PM. Motion to adopt agenda and approve minutes by Jason. Katie seconded. Approved unanimously.
- II. Public Comment: No commenters.
- III. Partner Organizations
 - A. RSV: New logo. Lots of events happening: Papa Murphy's Fundraiser; Kino Abend fundraiser; Kinderlauf. Kinderlauf is looking for sponsors.
 - B. RSI: New member on board. Looking for more members. Budget discussion: Club rates will increase in part to create a scholarship fund. Kinderlauf discussion: sponsors joined.
- IV. Reports
 - A. Officers
 1. Chair: Letter of Intent to Renew Charter filed. Grants meeting was attended. Discussed organizational structure of APC committees and sub-committees. Board training upcoming for August. Frau Doniere and students will be presenting at Abbott Loop Community Council's meeting on their Meadow Park project.
 2. Co-Chair: Participation in charter renewal and strategic planning workgroups.
 3. Treasurer: see report. 3% growth but no incoming funds growth. Lease and rent is the biggest line item in our control outside of staffing and enrollment

and is significant, driving many decisions. Spending is on track with our budget. Discussion on budget fluctuations.

4. Secretary - No report.
 5. Principal - see report. Positive results from testing data. Discussion on academic and faculty German achievements. Continued participation in ASD Immersion Advisory committee. Discussion over special events days. Update on new Senior Director of Choice Schools.
- B. Teacher report: Discussion on community involvement and WIN time.
- C. Schülerrat: No representative.
- D. Committees:
1. Facilities: HVAC continues to be a problem with the NW unit transformer delayed. ASD came to manually fix it. Teachers are happy. Basketball hoops planned.
 2. Strategic planning. Survey input. Review was made.
 3. Grants next time with give report from the sub-committee under Strategic planning.
 4. Performance: No report.

V. Old Business

- A. School name change survey is proposed as small changes in school have happened over time. Herr Strauch will send out a survey asking Yes/No if families are interested in a school name change. Based on results, could do a follow-up survey for names or none if there's little interest in a change.

VI. New Business

- A. Strategic Plan Review and Approval
Thanks to principal and workgroup for time on this project. Katie: motion to adopt a strategic plan. Akarra: second. Approved unanimously.
- B. Volunteer hours: Tracking and intent. Discussion on the purpose of tracking, such as, do we want hours only counted or qualified on what was done. Any changes should be done before the next school year. Delegated to Herr Strauch. Can fall under Performance as data. Simplified input needed.
- C. Principal Evaluation Policy Revision - First of two readings. Background: Policy always matches the updated principal contract, whose language has been revised as of February. No changes requested at this time.
- D. Staffing Changes for 2024/2025 School Year
 1. See Herr Strauch's 24/24 Staffing Recommendation. Counselor is not returning next school year. Recommendation to fill with 1 classroom teacher 3rd grade and .4 FTE teacher for specialist instead of counselor to bring down student/teacher ratio down. Survey on returning students indicates a larger retention rate than projected, resulting in larger class sizes. Discussion: Prior large class sizes; Climate and Connectedness survey results not obtained yet to evaluate counselor's impact; 3rd grade is a focus due to the Alaska Reads Act, and what position(s) have the greatest potential impact.
 1. Extended meeting. Katie motioned to extend meeting as approaching maximum time allowed per policy. Maggie seconded. Approved unanimously.

2. Motion: Akara motioned to adopt the 24/25 Staffing Recommendation as submitted by the principal. Amanda second. One opposed. Seven in favor. Motion passed.

VII. Public Comment

A. Public comments received.

VIII. Execution session: Not needed.

IX. Adjournment: 8:17 pm