



Rilke Schule

Academic Policy Committee Minutes

Thursday, September 19, 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: 17 October 2024*

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Meeting ID: 962 9941 8486

Passcode: Rilke

Present: Rebecca Colvin, Mark Truog, Jill Doniere, Akara Anglin, Amanda Thompson, Robin Phillips and Katie Kelly

Absent: Maggie Weyrens, Jason Hotch and Branden Strauch

Guest: Cameron Vincent-Lang

- I. Call to Order at 6:02 PM. Vice Char Kelly motioned to adopt Agenda and Minutes from 22 August 2024 Regular Meeting. Treasurer Truog seconded. Upon motion duly made and seconded, Agenda and Minutes adopted.
- II. Public Comment: No comments.
- III. Partner Organizations
 - A. **RSV:** Amber Brewer, Staff Representative.
 1. Future event updates: Oktoberfest planning is underway. Christkindlmarkt is now a 2-day event. Auction Gala site will be paid for.
 2. Board updates: Annual elections will be next meeting. The board approved snack supply purchases to provide for forgotten lunches.
 3. Discussion ensued surrounding the timing of when to hold Sankt. Martinstag. and inquiries into having a book fair.
 - B. **RSI:** Jocelyn Blanchard, Treasurer
 1. Clubs update: 6 families were awarded scholarships, out of a large pool of applications.
 2. Board updates: RSI will revisit the budget to see the possibility of providing more scholarships.
 3. Budget will be submitted soon.
 4. Future events: The webpage for the auction is live. The auction may be moving venues which would move the date to Jan 31. Alaska Auctions will manage the auction items. Goal is to have the larger Anchorage community participate in the event, especially through ticket sales and large item donations..
- IV. Reports

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A. Officers and Staff Representatives

1. **Chair:** Chair Colvin submitted the Charter Application Renewal. It has passed the first review stage and has been sent to the next stage. Facility group has met to discuss different options for buildings. Facility continues to look into both an ASD facility possibility and continuing to remain in our building. **Treasurer:** Truog summarized the FY24 reports from ASD that have come in, showing some credits. He expects funding from ASD to be less although our enrollment is increasing. Payroll costs will start showing in the accounting soon. The non-operation fund contains \$50,000 from student fees.
2. **Secretary:** Secretary Thompson shared the initial audit of communications available to families about APC and potential families can learn about Rilke, especially through photos. Discussion: There is no current shared method for collecting photos. Photos were shared with staff and RSV yearbooks. APC does need photos.
3. **Principal:** He noted that data and additional paras have been helpful to form reading and math intervention groups. Regarding student activities, Kinoabend is supporting the Seward field trip. Regarding community activities, volunteers have been integrating well and there was a great turnout for the open house. Advocacy update: Rep. Hemschut from Sitka came to tour the school and had a very positive visit. In the past, Rilke has sent staff to testify at the legislature regarding the Base Student Allocation.

B. Teachers

1. Herr Phillips: Bike trip to Kincaid was successful. Fall Wandertag was also a success.

C. Schülerrat: No representative. Chair Colvin noted that a new Schülerrat has been formed.

D. Committees:

1. Facilities/Outdoor: Chair Hotch noted that the broken window in the gym will be fixed.
2. Strategic Planning: No report.
3. Performance: Chair Anglin has met with Herr Strauch and will adjust surveys to better match the different shareholders.

V. Old Business

None.

VI. New Business

A. Next Steps after School Name Change & Alignment with Strategic Plan

1. Name change timing: As events roll out, the name change will be applied. Logo wear will be slowly updated as well. Discussion on aspects of the name change roll out.
2. Discussion on the strategic plan and if it relates to rebranding.
3. Proposed Logo with New Name
 - a. Chair Colvin showed images of a proposed logo. RSI Treasurer Blanchard explained proposed changes and advocated for swift adoption so planned events can use new logo. Colvin noted that all logos need to be approved by APC per Branding Policy. Discussion over proper procedure for

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logo change. Action step: Vice Chair Kelly will lead a logo change committee with Doniere, Thompson and Blanchard.

- b. Anglin motioned to table the discussion on the proposed new logo. Kelly seconded. One yay, seven opposed. Motion failed.
- c. Frau Doniere motioned to approve the logo as shown. Motion was seconded by Vice Chair Kelly. Discussion centered on pros and cons of changing logo now. Nay 4, yays 3. Motion failed. Chair appointed Vice Chair Kelly, who heads communications, to lead changes to logos by October meeting.

B. Board Training Day

- a. Board training will be Rilke from 9 AM – 4 PM next Saturday.

VII. Public Comment

- A. No comments.

VIII. Executive Session: None.

IX. Adjournment

- A. There being no further business to be transacted, Treasurer Truog motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 PM. Performance Chair Anglin seconded. Motion passes unanimously.

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