



Rilke Schule
Academic Policy Committee Minutes
Thursday, December 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: 16 January 2024*

Present: Akara Anglin, Rebecca Colvin, Jill Doniere, Katie Kelly, Jason Hotch, Robin Phillips, Amanda Thompson, Mark Truog, Branden Strauch, Maggie Weyrens

Guest: Cameron Vincent-Lang

- I. Call to Order & Adoption of Agenda and Minutes from 9 December 2024 Special Meeting.
 - A. Meeting called to order at 6:06. Katie Kelly made the motion to adopt minutes, and Jill Doniere seconded. Motion passed.

- 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
 1. Strategic Planning Chair Maggie Weyrens: RSV discussed Christkindlmarkt successes and the upcoming Fasching fundraiser.
 - B. RSI
 1. RSI Treasurer Jocelyn Blanchard: The Fasching fundraiser focus is "Fund the Future." A Night-time janitorial team has been secured. 15 families have been given scholarships for clubs.
 2. Discussion followed on auction item needs and RSI's ability to provide private funds towards overall school needs.

- IV. Reports
 - A. Schülerrat
 - B. Officers
 1. Chair Colvin: APC 2025 Elections are being planned and communication will go out. At the 7 January meeting the ASD district made a decision to close two schools. ASD administration will come up with a repurposing plan for the closed facilities. Discussion followed including needs for goals in advocacy; ideas for face-to-face communication including "Cookies and concerns" idea; and barriers to participation in APC meetings, including child care needs. School debt questions and contingency plans were also discussed. Rilke

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administration shared advocacy ability and future family communication priorities.

2. Vice-chair Kelly: Logos were updated at ASD and social media will be updated soon. Work on a legislative letter for families has begun. Discussion on Rilke's social media accounts.
3. Treasurer Truog: Written report was reviewed. Emphasis was placed on need for communication of finances to be firm and calm as Rilke finances change over the next 12-15 months, with personnel and building costs making a large portion of the budget. Discussion ensued on Rilke's strategy to discuss finances with ASD; on grants being able to come into the general fund; and RSI funds that provide back-end support.
4. Secretary Thompson: Rilke administration and RSV members were in the TV news sharing about the school and Christkindlmarkt. Member directory is being updated. Research into support systems for public charter schools is being done.

V. Chair

A. Principal & Vice-Principal

1. Written report was reviewed. Student academic success continues to shine: 81% of students scored in the top 60% for reading in 3rd - 8th grade. Starting point this year was much better after last year's interventions. Results are far beyond ASD's guardrails. A new BPO has been hired. Rightsizing is continued to be tracked. New security system has been installed for day visitors. Staff has been coordinating for upcoming German testing. Discussion followed on parent-teacher conference schedule possible changes; updates of achievement goals; strategies for incorporating changes so as to meet goals; and security system needs for afterschool.
2. A motion to extend the meeting to 8:30 was made by Kelly and seconded by Hotch. Motion passed.

B. Teachers

1. See report.

C. Committees:

1. Facilities/Outdoor
 - a. No update
2. Strategic Planning
 - a. Strategic Planning Chair Weyrens: Goals focus includes fostering investment in school community; sustainability; and dual language German Immersion education. She brought to attention the need to vote soon on bylaws. Discussion involved ways that Strategic Planning and Performance work together.
3. Performance
 - a. Feedback on principal annual performance surveys are open for comments. Will send out link. Discussion ensued on timelines for surveys to get out to meet school policy for evaluations.

- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Public Comment: 1 comment.
- IX. Board Member Comments: 1 comment.
- X. Executive Session: Facilities Chair Hotch motioned to go into executive session regarding Financials. It was seconded by Katie Kelly. Motion passed. The body went into executive session.
- XI. Adjournment
 - A. There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Kelly and seconded by Secretary Thompson. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

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