



Rilke Schule
Academic Policy Committee Minutes
Thursday, 16 January 2025
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: 20 February 2025*

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

Present on Zoom:

Late excused: Katie Kelly

Guest: Robin Harris, Cameron Vincent-Lang

- I. Call to Order at 6:02 PM
- II. Adoption of Agenda and Minutes from 3 January 2025 Special Meeting and 19 December 2024 Meeting.
 - A. A motion to adopt agenda and minutes from 3 January and 19 December was made by Facilities Chair Hotch and seconded by Performance Chair Akara Anglin.
 1. Being as some members were joining via Zoom, a roll call vote commenced:
 - Robin Phillips: Aye
 - Akara Anglin: Aye
 - Jill Doniere: Aye
 - Amanda Thompson: Aye
 - Mark Truog : Aye
 - Rebecca Colvin: Aye
 - Jason Hotch: Aye
 - Maggie Weyrens: Aye

- III. 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 comments.

- IV. Partner Organizations
 - A. RSV: Yearbooks are underway as well as advocacy reminders. Christkindlmarkt was financially successful.

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- B. RSI: Katherine Riling, Chair: Auction tickets are selling well. \$13,500 in clubs scholarships have been granted to families. Jump into German Camp has been announced. Discussion: A photographer for the auction will be looked into.

V. Reports

- A. Schülerrat - Not present.

- B. Officers

- 1. Chair Colvin: Last board meeting for her will be in February. Her letter to the ASD board stressed the importance of timing for their decision on Lake Hood repurposing, as it needs to be before the spring charter school lottery is closed. Three community zoom meetings were hosted, and were very good.
- 2. Vice-Chair Kelly: An FAQ on building needs is being written. 2025 APC Elections process is progressing and elections will be held 10-17 February, with those interested giving notice by 28 January. FAQs will be sent out Friday afternoon. Discussion: Member roles will be decided in March meeting. Creating a FAQ for APC info.
- 3. Treasurer Truog: No budget update yet due to ASD's process, which is underway. Coming in Discussion: AEA negotiations.
- 4. Secretary Thompson: Minutes draft to members will be sent out sooner.. Legislative priorities from the Governor's office have been released and include items of note for charter schools.

- C. Principal

- 1. Herr Strauch: Written report submitted. Over 1,500 volunteer hours last month. School fair season is coming and help is needed. Discussion: Signup list will be created for parents and shared with RSI, etc..

- D. Teachers

- 1. Frau Doniere: Written report provided. Discussion: Battle of Books will be Feb. 6. Discussion: Rilke teachers are innovative and provide unique learning experiences, including survival skills training at a pool.

- E. Committees:

- 1. Facilities/Outdoor
 - a. Facilities Chair Hotch: Chugach Electric corrected a power outage Monday evening.
- 2. Strategic Planning

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- a. Strategic Planning Chair Weyrens: Principal and Assistant Principal reviewed the plan with staff at beginning of school year. Continuously tracking progress in all areas, currently meeting all goals. Areas for improvement include SEL instruction and staff response to surveys. Recommend Strategic Chair report in August, January and EOY report in May. Discussion included noting that having paper copies of reports during meetings is helpful.

3. Performance

- a. Performance Chair Anglin: Surveys have been sent out. Will be absent starting February 13. Discussion: Sending email questions ahead of time is helpful. A document made last year outlining member roles is helpful to this process.

VI. Old Business - None.

VII. New Business

- A. The agenda item to discuss conferences had a motion made: "I motion to discuss conducting full-day parent teacher conferences 26-27 February, with no morning instruction" made by Hotch, seconded by Anglin. Hotch also made a friendly amendment: "I motion to conduct a full-day parent teacher conferences 26-27 February, with no morning instruction." Seconded by Truog.

Discussion: Student attendance is low on the conference half-day. Ideas were exchanged for increasing the time parents can spend with teachers. Parents feel rushed with current schedule. Would allow teachers to attend their own students' conferences. A roll call vote was taken:

Mark Truog - Aye
Akara Anglin - Aye
Jason Hotch - Nay
Rebecca Colvin - Aye
Amanda Thompson - Aye
Jill Doniere - Aye
Maggie Weyrens - Nay
Robin Phillips - Aye
Katie Kelly - Aye

Motion passes.

- B. The agenda item to approve update of strategic plan for the new logo had a motion made: "I motion to update the strategic plan for the new logo" made by Anglin, seconded by Hotch. A roll call vote was taken:

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1. Katie Kelly - Aye
2. Jason Hotch - Aye
3. Mark Truog - Aye
4. Akara Anglin - Aye
5. Amanda Thompson - Aye
6. Jill Doniere - Aye
7. Rebecca Colvin - Aye
8. Maggie Weyrens - Aye
9. Robin Phillips - Aye

With all in favor, the motion passes.

VIII. Public Comment - 1 comment.

IX. Board Member Comments - 1 comment.

X. Executive Session

A. Truog made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss future facility options. Seconded by Anglin. Roll call vote:

Maggie Weyrens - Aye
Robin Phillips - No
Rebecca Colvin - Aye
Katie Kelly - Aye
Jason Hotch - Aye
Mark Truog - Aye
Akara Anglin - Aye
Amanda Thompson - Aye
Jill Doniere - Aye

With all in favor the motion passed, whereupon the body entered Executive Session at 7:32 PM. Guest Robyn Harris was invited into Executive Session.

B. Kelly make a motion to end the Executive Session, and it was seconded by Doniere.

Robin Phillips: Aye
Jill Doniere: Aye
Amanda Thompson: Aye
Jason Hotch: Aye
Rebecca Colvin: Aye
Akara Anglin: Aye
Maggie Weyrens: Aye
Katie Kelly: Aye
Mark Truog: Aye

Motion passes, with all in favor, and the Executive Session concluded.

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XI. Adjournment

- A. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kelly and was seconded by Hotch. Discussion ensued over situations where more time would be needed in executive sessions and other meetings. The meeting's last roll call vote was taken:

Akara Anglin: Aye

Rebecca Colvin: Aye

Maggie Weyrens: Aye

Katie Kelly: Aye

Jason Hotch: Aye

Amanda Thompson: Aye

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Robin Phillips: Aye

Mark Truog: Aye

Meeting was thus adjourned at 8:04 PM.

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