

Rilke Schule  
Academic Policy Committee  
March 8, 2016  
Special TRI-BOARD Meeting

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Meeting Called to order at 6:00pm by APC Chair Storter.

Agenda Adopted

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Givey Kochanowski – update on principal search. Three candidates in play. Initial phone interviews conducted. Deep dive this week leading towards in-person interviews.

**TRI-BOARD AGREEMENTS FOR CODE OF CONDUCT**

James Kirkland – APC is the governing board responsible for the school, and right now has no authority to address actions or behavior that potentially damages the school, its name, or its reputation.

Jason Storter – In the past has felt the only way he could stand up and address the issue was parent-to-parent.

Jessica Voigt – How do “regular schools” handle transgressions of auxiliary organization such as a PTA/O? Kirkland – ASD policy and procedure would apply, principal would initiate action. Herr Ball – you could default to ASD policy.

Voigt – we need a place to go for leadership. There should be a point of accountability and final decision maker.

Chelsie Kochanowski – should this be a Memorandum of Understanding or an Agreement with some teeth? Discussion followed on the difference between the two, with the conclusion Agreements are binding and that an MOU document has been written by the committee.

Oakley – APC is the governing board. APC “is the state” and when it comes time to “enforce” the law it’s their job.

Ball – RSV and RSI are separate 501’s, but neither exists without the school and APC.

Kirkland – Ethics is something that binds all of us. We should all sign on the line that we agree to support the best interests of the school. Conflict of interest statement equally important. Givey Kochanowski – APC boilerplate language on ethics is probably an 85% solution for this.

Oakley – RSI by-laws should be updated to reflect the MOU and expectations. Herr Kirkland – all three by-laws should.

Frau Cooper – we ought to get something signed ASAP, even tonight, and keep working on it to refine and add the teeth we all seem to want.

Givey Kochanowski – I think these should be our aspirations:

- Ethics and conduct
- By-law review for all
- Align elections
- All three subscribe to public meeting policy, open meeting law
- Update working title of all three to be more understandable to the public

Frau Johnson – consequences? What are they? Who will develop them? Where would this document be housed? Storter – would be a public document attached to the Charter and publicly available. Givey Kochanowski – APC’s ethic conduct could be used by all three. Consequence – is removal from the Board.

**Second Reading of the MOU:** Chair Jason Storter.

Givey Kochanowski – **moved that APC accept and sign the Tri-Board MOU.** Second by Kjerstin Lastufka. **Passed unanimously.**

Givey Kochanowski – what about bringing all the clubs that try to raise money under the MOU or something similar?

Kirkland – please circulate the ethics statement ASAP for us. Maybe we can all get it signed right away.

Public member asked – who holds the APC accountable? Answer: state statute and our community. We should put that in writing. Vision for an info graphic or org. chart of the three boards with ASD and DEED at the top.

Frau Cooper – maybe we should change the names to help move beyond some of the history. Maybe the need to have German names has over ridden the importance of making sure our community understands what-is-what.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Shawana Popovici – **outdoor volunteer group.** Group of parents focused on using the outdoor spaces at the school beyond the building and the playground.

Tentatively approved for a \$46,000 grant for improvements (\$10,000 match required, can be in-kind services or time, not necessarily monetary). “Tentatively approved” means we meet the minimum qualifications, only barrier is availability of the federal funds. We would receive the funds May 1. The group is working with Anchorage Park Foundation and the Municipality. Park Foundation will receive and hold the money. The money will build an official trail to the park and three bridges (Muni doing the design and permitting). Shauna and her group working on trail designs and will need some muscle this summer. Kaladhi Brothers in support – will host kickoff party and maybe raise some funds. Jason – Facilities Committee should adopt an official resolution in support of this.

Givey Kochanowski – each board should talk about this at their next meeting and find a way to contribute \$4000 in funds or labor. Herr Oakley – let’s see if we could do this as a cooperative targeted fund raising project and see if we can use it for a model for the future.

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