

Rilke Schule  
Academic Policy Committee Meeting  
Thursday, August 20 – 6 -9:30 pm

- Agenda approved with two additional items
  - SEL training at UAA – (\$99 per person, need at least 16 registered for training to occur at Rilke Schule)
  - Kindergarten expansion to 23 kids in each class
- Building Update
  - Move-in day is 8/27
  - Certificate of Occupancy expected 8/28
  - Utilities will be consolidated and billed by Pfeffer 1x/month with no surcharge
  - Fencing will be installed on East side of school property right away thanks to a generous parent volunteer
  - Fund raising
    - 3-bin sink has been donated (need one more)
    - Kitchen items and tables are needed
- Principal's report (link to Herr Ball's written report)
- Curriculum Director – no report
- Committees
  - Facilities - toured the building with teachers, who were thrilled. All inspections have been passed to date.
  - Rilke Outdoor Committee – recommends adoption of Meadow Park and suggests allowing parent volunteer hours to be spent there cleaning, maintaining this space which is adjacent to Rilke Schule grounds
  - Board Development Committee – working on Principal and APC succession planning
    - Dean Ball has notified the Academic Policy Committee that he is eligible for retirement in June 2016
    - Open House night will include opportunity for parents to join committees
  - Strategic Planning - met before the summer break, will meet again after school year start
- RSI – met on Tuesday. Will be spending all available cash at building opening. Key questions include, what is new purpose of the organization now that move ahs occurred. There is no income stream for RSI. Clint, Jeff and Randy have all indicated their intent to step down. Marissa, Ray and Roger will likely lead organization in the next phase. Might recruit new members to become a part of Capital Campaign.
- RSV – Just expended \$88,006 on new playground equipment, this is nearly all of its available cash

- Playground – should be installed by 9/21. Excavation will not occur until after the CO has been secured. There is significant issue with the current foundation for the playground. We now need to excavate several feet of peat and install proper gravel fill upon which the playground can be safely built. There is a substantial additional cost to the project. See below motion in new business.
- New Business:
  - Dress Code – Rilke Schule Student Council proposed that middle schoolers be allowed to wear jeans any day of the week. Herr Birmanns suggested that dress code could be a behavioral incentive for middle schoolers
    - Vote: Failed – 4 to 3
    - APC invites the student council to revisit this topic for further consideration by the board; kudos to our students for bringing it forward.
  - After-school care- presentation on new options for after-school care at Rilke Schule whereby it would be completely outsourced
    - APC agreed to a work session on this topic in mid-September
    - Motion to explore the options further passed – 7-0
  - Science Tables - 30 tables and 30 stools are needed at cost of \$12,859
    - APC declined to approve cost, suggested looking into other options
    - Motion failed -7-0
  - Playground – The APC may move a max of \$40,000 to pay for the additional excavation necessary for playground installation. Contingencies include getting all technical and installation specs in writing from playground vendor. APC member Givey to look into options, legalities and other options.
  - Kindergarten Class size – Herr Ball and Jason Storter recommended adding four kindergarteners this year making each of the four kindergarten classes max of 23 per class (versus prior decision to increase classes to 22).
    - Motion passed – 5 to 2
- Meeting adjourned at 9:28 pm.

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