

Rilke Schule
Academic Policy Committee
March 24, 2016
Regular meeting minutes

Quorum established by Chair Storter, **meeting called to order** at 6:05pm.

Adoption of Agenda: Frau Sanders – suggests changing “guest organizations” to “partner organizations” Jason – agreed, good idea. **Motion** by Jason to change “guest organizations” to “partner organizations” on all future agendas, second by James, **passed** by voice vote unanimously.

Approval of February meeting minutes: **Motion** to approve by Jason, second by James, **passed** by voice vote unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Kirkland – honored to serve on HR committee and enjoyed working with everyone on the principal process.

Frau Cooper, I've been on APC before, but the teachers are very delighted in how much they have been allowed to participate and give input to the principal hiring process.

REPORTS

COMMUNICATIONS – complaint from a parent about the use of “panther pride” or the word “proud” as it relates to Nazi Germany. Kjerstin has written a letter to the parent as requested by the APC. Kjerstin, Deak and the parent met yesterday. Parent has clarified her concern is about use of two word slogans such as “panther pride.” Letter was read to all in attendance, and APC members agreed on the content. **Motion** by Jason to finalize and send the letter, second by James, **Passed** by voice vote unanimously.

TREASURER – Morton not in attendance, Jason read a report from him. \$4.55m annual budget, have spent \$2.6m. Expenses are \$400K per month, therefore we should finish the year well under budget.

CHAIR – tax exemption application has been filed. Representative from Muni expects it to be approved. Naming Policy – ASD says moved forward, and let's get together and work out the last details. Jason will get this done. High School Path is done! Service High School is now the feeder school for Rilke students for continued German Immersion. It models the Japanese path at Dimond. Courses will roll out one per year until there are four classes available.

PRINCIPAL – Alaska Measurers of Progress (AMP). Last year of AMP testing and then nobody knows what is next. Staffing update – have rehired Frau Perez right away after Frau Decker left. Media Center – has quote from Criterion for shelving and cabinetry throughout the school, including the media center. The total bid is just under \$50,000. Storage issues continue: the media center, it's closet, and all the stuff in Herr Lind's room. Plan is to move the risers to Herr Lind's room so everything in his room will be moved to media center, sorted, and sent to ASD surplus. Dress Code, three detentions (comes after 3 write-ups) and once the suspensions happened there have been no repeat offenders. Enrollment is 464, and looking at enrollment survey. All first graders and above have to test in. Discussions on when they can be them tested, maybe Herr

Ball or Herr Barr can get them tested early in the summer so we can lock in their enrollment. Request to fund Scholastic Magazine subscriptions. Motion by James to approve renewal of Scholastic Magazines for several grade levels, \$2,489.35. Second Kjerstin. Objection by Kjersti – not on the agenda so we cannot approve it. Should be a new business item. **Tabled until next regular APC meeting.**

TEACHER/STAFF – Sasha and Adriana Phelps, Student Council Secretary, gave a report. Council took a student survey about the principal and what is most important to students. They'll have data for us at the next meeting. Teacher feedback and discussion has been thorough and complete, support for Barr is solid.

CURRICULUM DIRECTOR – German testing A, B1 and B2. Oral testing was this week, all levels 3, 6, 8 grades – student's attitude matters and we had a couple problems. From what Frau Sanders has seen otherwise, all are doing quite well.

FACILITIES – concern about cost of book cases and cabinetry proposal.

RSI – Rebecca, RSI covered all the gym improvements. Following up with Criterion about damage to floor near movable door. Annual meeting will be TBD in April, likely the 20th.

RSV – no report.

Rilke Outdoors – still almost certain to get a grant to develop the 5 acres behind us. Saturday, May 7, 3 – 5pm, kickoff event for the trails project. It will be a hot chocolate event sponsored by Kaladhi. We will have to raise so money and time commitments to get the project done. Tri-Board uniquely involved in this. Inviting Polaris and the neighborhood. The 7th is also last day of city-wide cleanup. Erin Kirkland and Shauna Popovich are leading.

OLD BUSINESS

APC Officer positions – Sasha, will be out in April and May and recommends Frau Edais (spelling?) as her replacement. Discussion of officer positions. **Motion** to keep current officers, with Eric Pedersen to take seat as Secretary. **Motion** by Kjerstin, second by Jason, **passed** by voice vote unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

New Principal Selection – Comments provided by each APC member present including teachers' representatives, HR committee members present, and Herr Ball. The Performance Committee recommends the APC offer employment to Christopher Barr.

Moved by James, Second Jason to offer employment to Christopher Barr as recommended by the Performance Committee. **passed** by voice vote unanimously.

Second recommendation from Performance Committee that if Christopher Barr does not except our offer, we offer employment to Ralph Watkins. Moved by James, second Kjersti as such, **passed** by voice vote unanimously.

Chair Starter will call all three candidates this evening and inform them of our decision.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair, relaxed the rules and ask the public members present if they have any questions at this time?

adjourned 7:20pm