

ACSA APC Meeting Minutes for 10/19/17

Present at meeting: Kacey Miller, Charles Marble, Julie Kelso, Lisa Leeper, Liz Coler, Betsy Brennan, Jeff Collins, special school board guest: Sandy Martinson.

Meeting called to order at 5:38 pm.

Kacey Miller made a motion made to approve minutes from 9/21/17 meeting. Betsy Brennan second. Approved unanimously.

The 8th grade waiting pool and enrollment of ACSA was discussed. An 8th grade student departed and a 7th grade student left the school. There are now 59 students at ACSA. The school wants to be at 60 students enrolled. There was a discussion about which waiting list of students would be used to do a lottery if the one 8th grade student on the waiting list did not want placement at ACSA. It was decided that due to past precedent, the grade with students waiting the longest on the waiting list would be the pool to have a lottery. That would be the current 6th grade waiting list. Lisa will call the 8th grade student family ASAP and report back. A lottery was held with the 6th grade waiting list to determine which student would be offered a spot at ACSA if the 8th grade student declined. This was done so the APC would not have to meet again at a future date and further delay placement of a student.

The ACSA Charter Renewal Application to the Alaska State EED was approved at the 10/10/17 NPS Board meeting. ACSA has 30 days to send the original and 4 copies to the Department of Education and email a PDF file of the application. Lisa and Shawn Arnold will work together to make a few pagination adjustments to the documents and it will be ready to go. Betsy volunteered to make the copies and mail the package to Juneau. Lisa will email the pdf copy. Lisa will have copies of the Charter Renewal Application for all APC members at our next meeting.

Lisa Leeper presented questions she had for the Business Manager for NPS and what the ACSA budget looks like. There was some confusion on comparisons between last year and this year and cuts made overall.

Lisa attended the Charter School Academy the Association of Alaska School Boards (AASB) put on in Anchorage on October 12 & 14. Lisa expressed that the training was very useful. The APC spoke in length about how to maintain a strong school with involved members of the APC. Lisa emphasized keeping a strong APC meant keeping the school moving forward for years to come and working well with the District. The principal can't do this on their own. The school needs parents and APC members along with staff to assist in shaping the future. Training for the APC was mentioned as one way the AASB can help.

APC membership was discussed. At least 2 seats will be up for election. Lisa sent out an email asking if any parents of current ACSA students are interested in serving for a term. Current APC members brainstormed and members agreed to ask parents and community members to volunteer to be on the APC. They will report back to the group and Lisa via email. APC member elections can take place at the November meeting.

Next meeting will be November 16 at 5:30. Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.