

APC Minutes for 4/26/18

Meeting took place at ACSA .

Members present: Julie Kelso, Betsy Brennan, Anna Moore, Liz Coler Nancy Bahnke, Jeff Collins, Lisa Leeper. Lisa made an excellent Chicken chilli!

Meeting called to order at 5:43 pm.

A motion to approve minutes from 2-15-18 made by Betsy and seconded by Anna. The minutes were approved.

Lisa reviewed the enrollment waiting pool with the APC members . There was a discussion prior to the lottery about a late application and the definition of sibling preference. The late 5th application was moved to the April 2019 waiting pool as it was turned into school after the deadline of 4 pm on April 20. There was a conversation on what constitutes a sibling in the eyes of the APC and determining how that would be affected when a Foster Child application is received. The APC determined that a child legally placed with a family in foster care is to be considered a sibling if older children are enrolled at ACSA. The APC needs to develop a policy for this, as it has never come up before. Looking to see what other Charter Schools in the state have in their policies would be a good starting point. The APC also discussed how the sibling preference would work if a foster child went back to the biological parent prior being placed. Work needs to be done on this topic.

Another topic of discussion on the enrollment waiting pool was about accepting a sibling that has been on the waiting list for two years. Lisa asked the APC to consider placing a student that has a sibling at ACSA into the upcoming 7th grade class even though there is no opening at this time. This would make the total enrollment at ACSA 61 students, and that is within the 60-65 student range we are allowed. Consideration was based on the sibling having little chance to get into ACSA through regular preference – in this case, the sibling is in an older grade level (not an automatic “in” as a younger sibling entering 5th grade) and is in a very stable class that has only had one student move in two years. Placing the student into next year’s 7th grade would benefit the student and family as they already have a child in the school. The sibling preference is in place for the reason that it is a benefit for families with multiple students in the Charter School. There was a motion by Liz to enroll the sibling into 7th grade. There was a second by Anna. The motion was unanimously approved.

The 5th grade lottery was then held. A total of 21 applications were received by the deadline. One application was received late and was placed into the April 2019 waiting pool. This student is also a sibling of an older student. All others are in the April 2018 waiting pool. There are two sibling applications that will automatically be enrolled. The lottery was held and Lisa will contact families to either accept or decline the enrollment. There were 6 students in the April 2018 waiting pool. This pool will be used if one of the 15 lottery winners declines the

enrollment. Once the class is enrolled with 15 students registered for ACSA, the sibling preference will go into effect for the one student that is in the April 2019 waiting pool. That student will go to the top of the list if there is a vacancy in next year's 5th grade.

Three new 6th grade applicants were placed in the April 2018 waiting pool. There were no new applications for the 7th grade placement. There was one new applicant for the 8th grade, she is place in the April 2018 waiting pool.

Lisa distributed her self-evaluation for the APC to see. We need to set a time for the Principal evaluation.

A student handbook work session should be scheduled in June.

Lisa distributed the school board report she gave to the NPS Board in March.

The next regular meeting of the APC is May 17 at 5:30 pm at the ACSA building.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.