

APC Minutes for 1/21/21

Meeting called to order at 5:38 pm by Julie Kelso.

Members present - Lahka Peacock, Jeff Collins, Lisa Leeper, Julie Kelso, Janice

Wilson, Sean Knudsen and Jade Murdock. Becca Callahan attended via Google Meets.

New Board Member

Janice Wilson was welcomed to the board. She replaces Boogles, who resigned, so her term will only be for 2 years, ending January 2023. Sean and Anna's terms are done this January. They have both agreed to stay on, so their new term ending date will be January 2024.

New Teacher

Beverly Reichen, ACSA's new teacher was introduced to the board.

Minutes from 11-19-20 and 12-10-20 .

A page was left off of the 11-19-20 minutes therefore they were approved again. Julie moved to approve the minutes, Sean seconded. Passed unanimously.

Student Opening

We currently have 57 students total, so three spots available. One of the three openings is a result of a 7th grader who left in November. (We had attempted to fill that slot with a 5th grader, since we were under-enrolled in that grade, but one and then another 5th grade applicant was enrolled, but changed their mind and left soon after.) Then we recently had a 6th grader and 7th grader un-enroll. That leaves us with 13 5th graders, 16 6th graders, 14 7th graders, and 14 8th graders. 5th and 8th grade waiting pools are empty. With grade level balance being a top priority, Julie made a motion to fill one 7th grade position and leave the other two positions open, except that if the 7th grader declined we will offer the position to a 6th grader. Janice seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Lottery Language

Julie presented some suggested changes to the lottery language to make clear the enrollment priorities when openings occur during the school year. We will continue the discussion at our next meeting.

Food Credit Update

The superintendent has drafted a letter. We don't have any results yet, but we are moving forward.

Budget

No large items purchased, just supplies. Lisa would like to draft some ideas on how we will spend funds. Possible purchases - desks for staff. Artist in Residence - we will look at our options.

School Climate Survey

Results depend on what the school theme is. Covid has made a big impact on what we have been able to offer. Last year we had Wolf packs, STEM challenges and Mentors. We greet students by name. We foster community amongst staff and the children can see that. This can teach them to be good community members and make them feel more secure.

Bylaws

We reviewed changes made that were discussed at our last meeting. Julie voted to accept the changes. Lahka & Becca seconded, all approved

Charter Review

We reviewed Section 1. We will be reviewing Section 2 & 3 next meeting. We will continue to review the charter to discuss any needed changes. We should be familiar with the statutes.

Next meeting we will attach Lisa's report that she presents to the board regarding academic curriculum.

Julie thanked the board members.

Anna mentioned that NSEDC would pay people with a skill to teach a class. This may work for us during our 3 week intensives. Anna will get more information for us.

Lisa wanted to know if the board members as parents have any reflections on the Red

Zone. Becca appreciated the weekly summary of assignments. Becca noted that the 8th grade relationships have changed due to the fact that they are not able to do things together.

Next meeting date

February 25 and the following month 3/25. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm