



Rilke Schule

Academic Policy Committee Minutes

Thursday, 17 April 2025

6:00 PM at Rilke Schule

In accordance with Alaska State Statute, the Rilke Schule APC, under contract with the Anchorage School Board, operates this charter school. The purpose of the Academic Policy Committee is to provide strategic governance for the school and its future. The board meets publicly to conduct the business of the school. The board is comprised of voting and advisory members representing parents, faculty and staff. Parent-elected representatives serve staggered, three-year terms with elections every February. The Academic Policy Committee values public comments and encourages all interested parties to submit written public comments on any subject to apc_rilke@asdk12.org. Fifteen minutes are reserved at the beginning and end of each regular meeting for public comments. *Next scheduled meeting: May 15 2025*

Zoom

<https://asdk12.zoom.us/j/8344978187?pwd=elhaRjZFbjA4U1FpemQxOWl3VnE5dz09>

Meeting ID: 834 497 8187

Passcode: Rilke

Present: Jessica Frey, Akara Anglin, Maggie Weyrens, Herr Strauch, Jason Hotch, Mark Truog, Amanda Thompson, Herr Phillips, Herr Vincent-Lang

Excused Absent: Katie Kelly

Present Excused Late Via Zoom: Frau Doniere from 1930

- I. Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda and Minutes from 08APR2025 Special Meeting. Performance Chair Anglin motioned to adopt the agenda and minutes. Seconded by Staff Representative Phillips.
- II. Public Comment: *Members of the public are allowed 2 minutes each and comments must specifically pertain to items on this agenda. We respectfully request that commenters refrain from all identifying references to Rilke Schule teachers/staff/students. No public comments made.*
- III. Partner Organizations
 - A. RSV- No representative available.
 - B. RSI- Danielle Kalseth reporting for RSI- Before the April APC Special Meeting, RSI sent a letter of support to APC for Rilke moving to Abbott Loop. RSI currently discussing internship program and funding. RSI sent letter to all clubs families that RSI will be operating at Abbott Loop, and will expand offerings. RSI has a vacancy for an adult paid position in afternoon clubs. There is a Clubs Open House April 24 at 1800. Jump Into German enrollment is 40 in Week One, 32 in Week Two, and they are looking for 2 more instructors to support that. RSI looking into new user friendly software. RSI using some auction funds for IT and textbooks. RSI provided \$35,000 in scholarships to Rilke families this year. Applications for 25/26

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scholarships open with clubs mid-May, decisions late-May to early-June. RSI needs 3 more Board members, sitting at 4/7 now.

IV. Reports

- A. Schülerrat- No representative available.
- B. Officers
 - 1. Chair- Signed MOU with ASD for Rilke Schule to move to Abbott Loop. ASD Legal reviewed Rilke's notice of non-renewal to the current Landlord.
 - 2. Co-Chair- Drafted loan forgiveness letter to ASD, will send to APC for review.
 - 3. Treasurer- see report.
- C. Principal - see report.
- D. Teachers- see report.

ACTION ITEM: Board Member request for more robust information in teacher report. Strategic Planning Chair Thompson to follow up with Teacher Reps on what that could entail for future reports.

- E. Committees:
 - 1. Facilities/Outdoor- Had Rilke Schule tour today and am now prepared for immediate action steps in the event of Mt. Spurr eruption. Ready to learn about Abbott Loop facility in coming months.
 - 2. Strategic Planning- Getting more familiar with structure and content of plan. Asked for more communication on the connection to the strategic plan from members when taking actions or meeting with ASD representatives.
 - 3. Performance - [APC Board Evaluation](#) - includes Recommendations. Board discussed consideration for how to incorporate those at intervals over the next term, possibly plan in work sessions. Discussed the most immediate action item for more timely Board documents.

ACTION ITEM: Board Members agree to try and send out Agenda and regular meeting materials no later than Sunday prior to regular meeting, in order to give members time to review documents.

V. Old Business

- A. Move to Abbott Loop Building - Herr Strauch reports that there is much communication between Rilke, community stakeholders and ASD administration. There is a "relocation team" in place.

ACTION ITEM: Board Member request for more information regarding relocation progress in each meeting as a standing item. Facilities Chair Frey to incorporate relocation update in her Committee report monthly.

VI. New Business

- A. Amend the FY26 budget to include additional staff positions- see Rilke Schule Administration Proposed FY26 Budget/Staffing Amendments. Board Members reviewed prior to meeting. There were robust discussions and clarifications regarding various proposal options. Staff Representative Phillips moved that the APC approve a full-time Janitor position, no second. Motion failed.

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ACTION ITEM: Board Members request that Herr Strauch determine through communications with ASD and other resources whether Rilke Schule must adhere to ASD's 1.6 FTE calculation for AEA janitorial services, since we are a Charter School and ASD is considering Charter obligations currently with regards to Charter Schools residing in ASD facilities.

Staff Representative Doniere joined at 1930 via Zoom. Further discussion and clarifications regarding the Proposal. Staff Representative Phillips moved to extend the meeting up to 2115. Performance Chair Anglin made a friendly amendment to include a 5 minute recess. Friendly Amendment accepted. Motion seconded by Strategic Planning Chair Thompson. Roll call vote:

Jill Doniere	Yay
Jessica Frey	Yay
Akara Anglin	Yay
Maggie Weyrens	Yay
Jason Hotch	Yay
Mark Truog	Yay
Amanda Thompson	Yay
Robin Phillips	Yay

Motion passes unanimously.

Brief Recess. Return at 2000. Performance Chair Anglin moved to table this to another special meeting. Seconded by Strategic Planning Chair Thompson. Roll call vote:

Jill Doniere	Yay
Jessica Frey	Nay
Akara Anglin	Yay
Maggie Weyrens	Nay
Jason Hotch	Nay
Mark Truog	Nay
Amanda Thompson	Yay
Robin Phillips	Yay

With 4 yay, 4 nay, motion fails per Robert's Rules of Order.

Further discussion of each position in the Proposal. Treasurer Truog moved to have 1.0 FTE librarian position and 1.0 FTE Health, Outdoor PE, SEL position added to the FY26 budget. Friendly Amendment by Performance Chair Anglin, instead of specific positions, just add 2.0 FTE. Friendly Amendment denied. Original motion seconded by Jessica Frey. Roll Call vote after clarification of original motion:

Jill Doniere	Yay
Robin Phillips	Nay
Amanda Thompson	Recused

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Mark Truog	Yay
Jason Hotch	Yay
Maggie Weyrens	Yay
Akara Anglin	Nay
Jessica Frey	Yay

With 5 yay, 2 nay, 1 recusal, motion passes.

- B. Budget for relocation expenses- Budget presented for estimated relocation costs. \$10,000 for ASD Warehouse associated expenditures that Rilke is required to utilize as a condition of moving into an ASD facility, with additional \$30,000 for staff per diem pay that considers 2 extra days of staff pay for moving out of Rilke Schule and setting up classrooms in Abbott Loop. Treasurer Truog moved that APC allocate up to \$40,000 for relocation of Rilke Schule to Abbott Loop. Seconded by Facilities Chair Frey. Roll call vote:

Jill Doniere	Yay
Jessica Frey	Yay
Akara Anglin	Nay
Maggie Weyrens	Yay
Jason Hotch	Yay
Mark Truog	Yay
Amanda Thompson	Nay
Robin Phillips	recuse

With 5 yay, 2 nay, 1 recusal, motion passes.

Facilities Chair Frey moved to adjourn. Staff Representative Phillips seconded. Meeting adjourned at 2115.

- C. APC Communications plan discussion - Adjourned prior to discussion
D. APC seat vacancy discussion- Adjourned prior to discussion

VII. Executive Session

VIII. Public Comment

IX. Board Member Comments

X. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 2115.

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