



Rilke Schule  
Academic Policy Committee Minutes  
Thursday, November 21, 2024  
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](mailto:apc.rilke@asdk12.org). Fifteen minutes are reserved at the beginning and end of each regular meeting for public comments. *Next scheduled meeting: 19 December 2024 and budget special meeting TBA*

Present: Akara Anglin, Rebecca Colvin, Jill Doniere, Katie Kelly, Robin Phillips, Mark Truog, Amanda Thompson, Maggie Weyrens  
Present on Zoom: Branden Strauch  
Absent: Jason Hotch  
Guest: Cameron Vincent-Lang, Andi Beausang

- I. Call to Order & Adoption of Agenda and Minutes from 17 October 2024 Regular Meeting and 14 November Special Meeting
  - A. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM. Motion to adopt Minutes made by Vice Chair Kelly and seconded by Strategic Planning Chair Weyrens. Upon motion duly made and seconded, and all members unanimous in approval, motion passes and Agenda and Minutes adopted.
- II. Public Comment: No comment.
- III. Partner Organizations
  - A. RSV: Andi Beausang, Director
    1. Future events: Christkindlmarkt plans are underway and event will be larger than last year, prompting a request for help with providing school information for new visitors. Teacher appreciation lunch planning is underway. The school auction planning has been progressing. Individual tickets will be available December 1st, and there is an option to sponsor teacher tickets. St. Nikolaustag materials have been purchased and parent feedback has been for Krampus to visit older children only.
    2. A request was made for to consider alternative forms of communication to parents regarding major school issues such as the building consideration petition to ASD.
  - B. RSI: Chair Colvin as RSI secretary
    1. Budget: Funding had been approved for a night-time janitor.

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## IV. Reports

- A. Schülerrat: Student Representative Christian Hillhouse
  - 1. Updates: A school dance gave students a chance to socialize. The council arrived at their goals for this year, which include working to provide a better playground experience, improved student-to-student relations, and a cleaner school.
  - 2. Budget: \$500 is in the Schülerrat account. There is no specific plan for existing funds.
  
- B. Officers
  - 1. Chair Colvin: Charter application passed ASD School Board vote and goes on to be approved by the State Board of Education in March. A review of the last meeting's executive session had been made and improvements noted for clarity in future sessions, including commitments to have motions spoken to and Board comment being opened. Discussion ensued surrounding the breadth of the executive session.
  - 2. Vice-chair Kelly: Logo committee worked under the direction from last meeting to update the new school name on the rectangle logo.
  - 3. Secretary Thompson: APC information bulletin board is nearly complete. Onboarding of parliamentary procedure, rules and responsibilities has been ongoing. Discussion: The APC shared drive contains good information on roles and responsibilities of members.
  - 4. Treasurer Truog: See report. Discussion included questions about RSI's role in fundraising for the school and timeline to find alternative forms of funding.
  
- C. Principal & Vice-Principal
  - 1. Herr Strauch: See Report. Follow up to motion to hire a counselor: Counselor position has interviews scheduled. Forms of communication with the school community and potential Rilke sports teams were discussed.
  
- D. Teachers
  - 1. Herr Phillips: Teachers shared the latest on activities, field trips and science and history activities.
  
- E. Committees:
  - 1. Facilities/Outdoor - No report
  - 2. Strategic Planning - No updates

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3. Performance Chair Anglin: Survey is being formulated. Board evaluation is a possibility. Discussion covered editing procedure for surveys, and what committee communication/outreach falls under. Vice chair was noted as communications chair.

V. Old Business - None

VI. New Business

- A. A motion to approve the rectangular logo with new school name - Rilke Schule German Immersion School, made by Vice Chair Kelly and seconded by Mark Truog. She gave background on the purpose for the updated wording.
  1. Upon motion duly made and seconded, all members voted in favor.
  2. Motion passed.
- B. Further discussion following Community Communications regarding APC advocacy for consideration for an ASD facility.
  1. Vice Chair Kelly Motion to extend the meeting to 8:30 PM. Seconded by Truog. All members in favor and motion passed.
  2. Discussion touched on what APC and principal responsibilities are . It was reiterated that only the APC chair can speak on behalf of the APC to the district board, and that the principal can speak to board in his role as principal (not on behalf of the APC)..

VII. Public Comment - Comments made

VIII. Board Member Comments

IX. Executive Session - Not needed

X. Adjournment

- A. There being no further business to conduct, a motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Kelly and seconded by Treasurer Truog. As all voted in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

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