

Watershed APC Meeting Minutes
March 21, 2019

Members present: Jarrod Decker, Abigail Paul, Jason Gillam, Moira O'Malley, Lisa Beattie, Dave Merrill, Amy Arneson, Kelly Mansfield, Carie Green, Renee Rember

Meeting started 6:07pm

Agenda Item 1: Review/approve minutes

There were a few suggested edits to the minutes. Jason moved to approve with the proposed edits, Moira seconded, all voted yes to approve.

Agenda Item 2: Cell phone policy

- a) Draft policy dissemination and feedback from parents and students
 - a. Posted in parent newsletter and Jarrod spoke with the middle school students during a lunch period
 - b. APC received 2 letters in response to the proposed policy: one was from the student council, the second was from an anonymous student
 - c. Jason spoke with a couple parents. Only concern they had was about contacting students at the end of the school day [to arrange rides, etc.]
- b) Student council letter
 - a. APC was glad to see the student involvement by writing the letter
- c) Moira did some research on cell phone use
 - a. France has banned cell phones in school
 - b. S. Korea found decrease in neuron activity with cell phone screen-time
 - c. London School & Economics found banning cell phones in schools improved test scores
- d) Discussion about guidelines vs. hard rule
 - a. There was agreement that a hard rule (e.g., if a student is seen with a phone out, then staff know they can take the phone) is easier to enforce.
- e) Discussion about allowing use of cell phones for a brief period from 3-3:15pm
 - a. Some APC members thought it would allow for students to check if parents texted or called students.
 - i. But there was concern if parents try contacting the student after 3:15pm.
 - b. There's still possibility of younger students being exposed to screen time.
 - c. Could be difficult to enforce.
- f) Discussion about Phone Friday
 - a. Gives bargaining chip to lunch aid
 - b. Concern about monitoring content on cell phones during this time
- g) All APC members agreed to no cell phone use in the morning
- h) Because of the discussion of the option of allowing cell phone use for a short period after school, Abigail made a motion to change the drafted policy, Amy seconded.
 - a. Yay (to change): 3 (Renee, Amy, Abigail)

- b. Nay (to keep the draft): 6 (Jason, Moira, Lisa, Dave, Carie, Kelly)
 - c. Motioned failed (draft kept)
- i) Discussion about wording in draft didn't clearly define field trips as being part of school property and whether the phones could be in possession but not seen.
 - a. A revision to the draft was proposed to incorporate these two points
- j) Revised Electronic Device Policy
 - a. "Personal electronic devices (including cell phones, tablets, mp3 players, etc.) may be brought to school, but must remain turned off and kept out of sight. Students may only use personal electronic devices with permission and supervision of school staff members."
- k) Amy moved to approved the revised policy, Renee seconded; all members voted yes to approve.

Agenda Item 3: Charter Renewal Update

- a) Jarrod submitted updates to sections 3 and 4 of the Charter Renewal on 3/20 to Juneau
 - a. Section 3: how we address students who aren't achieving at expected levels
 - b. Section 4: added specific planned professional development
- b) Jarrod will update the school website with the most current version

Agenda Item 4: Head Teacher Update

- A) Budget
 - a. Jarrod spoke to the PTSA and staff about the budget
 - b. At the April meeting there will be a more detailed presentation showing what different percentage of cuts will look like
 - c. Public testimony opportunity on March 24 from 2-5pm at the legislative office on Sadler Way.
- B) Mission
 - a. Becky Hansen and student council: Becky has been doing a lot with the students
 - i. Took 5th-8th grade to a conference
 - ii. School dance
 - iii. Kids' movie night
 - iv. Talent show
 - b. Peggy Hass received a big grant, \$5,000, from Carrs
 - i. Plans to buy 3 vertical gardens for hydroponics to go in 3 classrooms
 - c. All School Ski Day – went really well
 - d. Visiting Japanese students visited last this week. They request to come to Watershed every year. Students from Japan and Watershed really enjoy the experience.
- C) Lease Renewal
 - a. Jarrod met with Jon Cook about renewal. No rush. Jon is willing to work with Watershed on any rate changes.
- D) Homework committee

- a. Jarrod has books for the committee.
- E) Questions
 - a. Is the lottery coming up soon?
 - i. The lottery is on March 29th with the information night on March 27th.

Agenda Item 5: Additional items

None

Agenda Item 6: Next Meeting

April 18th, 6pm

Meeting adjourned: 7:51pm