

**Watershed APC Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2019**

Members present: Jarrod Decker, Jason Gillam, Renee Rember, Abigail Paul, Lisa Beattie, Amy Arneson, Dave Merrill, Kelly Mansfield

Meeting began: 5:32pm

APC parent seat elections:

Jason and Renee ran unopposed in the September elections. Welcome back!

Agenda Item 1: Officer elections

All in favor for keeping officer positions the same as last term.

Chair – Jason Gillam

Vice-chair – Renee Rember

Secretary – Kelly Mansfield

Agenda Item 2: Head Teacher update

a) Budget

i. This years' budget is similar to last years.

a. Approximately 9 months of the lease is prepaid.

b. Salaries and benefits make up 79.6% of the budget.

ii. Fall enrollment is full (plus 2 classes have 23 students).

b) Mission

i. Academics

a. There will be new state science standards.

b. PEAKS (3rd-8th grade) – taken in the spring semester.

1. Watershed is near the top in the district and state compared with other charter schools.

2. Mid to upper 70 percentile in all subjects (ELA, math, science).
About the same as 2017 and 2018.

c. MAP (3rd-8th grade) – taken 3 times a year.

1. Scoring: 50-60 is what is expected for the % of students meeting MAP growth projections.

2. Watershed is at 51.6 in reading and 55.6 in math for the recent testing.

ii. Outdoor education

a. 8th grade: Homer trip

b. 7th grade: Delta Clearwater River float

c. 6th grade: Denali Science Camp

d. Lots of hiking and/or bike trips by all grades

iii. School Climate Survey results

a. Survey is taken by 5th graders and up, parents, and teachers.

- b. Jarrod will send a link for the results and suggests looking over the student sections. They are helpful to look at to help guide some decision making and goal setting for the students.
- c. Electronics update
 - 1. Jarrod had to remind some students for use after school. He also spoke with the 8th grade class to go over the new rules.
- c) Charter Renewal
 - i. At the time of the meeting no formal written approval had been received. [On Friday, September 27, Jarrod received written approval by the State of Alaska for the renewed charter for 10 more years.]
- d) Charter School Conference
 - i. October 11&12 in Anchorage – Jarrod will be attending.
 - ii. Abigail asked if there was a political group backing charter schools statewide and perhaps the importance of such a group to advocate for charter schools. Nobody was aware of one at this time.

Agenda Item 3: Preliminary Goal Setting

- a) Homework Policy
 - a. FNSBSD has not adopted any new policy on homework.
 - b. APC feels we should still come up with our own policy.
 - i. Homework subcommittee: Renee, Jarrod, Abigail. The subcommittee will set up a meeting soon.
 - ii. Teachers will be asked for input.
- b) Parent/Student Handbook
 - a. To consolidate our policies, procedures, philosophy, etc., into one document that will be posted on Watershed’s webpage.
 - i. Items to include (not an all-inclusive list)
 - 1. Philosophy
 - 2. Place-based education
 - 3. Attendance
 - 4. Gear & outing expectations
 - 5. Lottery
 - 6. Discipline
 - 7. Busing
 - 8. Homework
 - b. Jarrod will bring 3 topics to review at the next meeting to begin consolidation.

Agenda Item 4: Next Meeting

Third Thursdays: October 17
 November 21
 December – none at this time

Meeting adjourned: 6:32pm