ASA APC Board MINUTES 05/14/2025

Land Acknowledgement:

We acknowledge that we gather here today on the traditional lands of the Dena'ina People of Upper Cook Inlet. For thousands of years, the Dena'ina People have been and continue to be the stewards of this land. ASD is committed to diversity and inclusion, and it is with honor and respect that we recognize all Indigenous people who live and learn in our community.
(current ASD language 9/24)

Purpose of APC:

To ensure the reality of STrEaM aligns with the vision: to empower students to be involved learners, critical thinkers and engaged citizens who are inspired by the natural world.

Working Agreements:

Equity of voice (finger protocol), respectful use of technology, commitment to the work, open to variety of perspectives, respectful of time (write questions down during reports, or add it to the work session agenda)

Link to Charter: **Final version ASA Renewal Application submitted to DEED**

Attendance

Teacher Rep Seat (A) Matt Wattendorf	PRESENT
Parent Rep Seat (C) Martha Lojewski	PRESENT
Parent Rep Seat (D) Kimberly Westfall	ABSENT
Parent Rep Seat (E) Leah Godoy	ABSENT
Community Seat (F) Jen Mickelson	PRESENT
Community/Parent Seat (I) Jeff Earle	ABSENT
Community/Parent Seat (J) Sharon Wilson	PRESENT
Community/Parent Seat (K) Savanna Lethin	PRESENT

QUORUM: 50% +1 (5)

A. Introductions and Purpose Statement

Land Acknowledgement / Working Agreements

B. Consent Agenda Approval (Consent Agenda includes agenda & minutes from April 2025)

Motion to add action item of approving Principal Addenda: Jen Mickelson
Seconded: Sharon Wilson
Discussion: None
Approval: Unanimous approval to add action item of approving a Principal Addenda for 10 days June and 5 in July.
Motion by: Martha Lojewski

Seconded by: Jen Mickelson
Called for Discussion: Martha Lojewski
Vote

C. Guests / Person to be heard

- Guests
    - Kelly & Alvana Ballantyne
        - Expressed concerns about bell schedule limiting break times.
        - Compared to research on other local schools, with the current proposal our breaks would be shorter than those schools.
            - Stated that breaks allow learning time to feel more effective.
        - Explained that the break schedule and outdoor time is a major decision factor in choosing to come to Stream.
            - Feel specifically that the midday break does not allow enough time for both eating and playing.
        - Second concern about how to provide a safe place for students after school on Wednesdays.
            - Currently Alvana can walk home from school. Next year this will not always be possible.
            - Suggested having some kind of after school program options, such as a language club.
        - Asked if the school has reached out to indigenous ed.
    - Adam Mokelke response:
        - The bell schedule is not set, but understand the concern.
        - Open to, and encourages after school clubs.
        - Biggest hurdle is volunteer availability.
    - Sharon Wilson response:
        - Appreciative for research on local schools.
    - Jen Mickelson:
        - Encouraged Kelly & Alvana to reach out to the new director of indigenous ed.
    - Savanna Lethin:
        - Have we considered bringing back the Math club?
    - Adam Mokelke:
        - The challenge is the club was run by a staff member who needs that time for planning.
- Public Testimony

D. Reports

- Staff Liaison - Matt Wattendorf
    - Current events: Staff appreciation was much appreciated! School dance, teacher tales - Mr. B.
    - GL updates: showcase, rocket launch, plant sale, 8th grade camping trip, 6th grade field day at Camp Gorsuch, art club, yearbooks are here!
    - Teacher thoughts: keeping our identity through change and growth, how do we teach soft skills more intentionally.

- 501(c)3 Update - Jen Mickelson
    - Closed the auction Monday night! $4700 raised.
        - Engagement level approximately equal to years past.
        - Pick up for baskets is on Saturday 5/17
        - Previous year donations included experiences over material things and tended to do a bit better. Next year, emphasize those kinds of donations.
        - Contemplating a year-long drive to improve the library space.
        - Excited about parent involvement in Friends of Stream.
        - Finishing the year with approximately $2,900 in bank.
- Principal Report - Adam Mokelke
    - Primary focus: Transition team has been meeting every Tuesday. There is a live document with to-do items broken into phases. There are a lot of moving parts. Embracing the challenges of working more closely with ASD.
    - We are an approved CEP school. Students will receive breakfast and lunch.
    - Expressed intention to carve out more time for breaks.
    - Lottery: Some families missed the accept window. Took many of those families when necessary. Expect attrition to balance out enrollment.
    - District projected a revenue increase. Plan is to not make adjustments until revenues are more certain and the fiscal year opens.
    - Calendar waivers for PD days are expected to remain the same.
    - Martha Lojewski: What is our goal now with saving money.
    - Mokelke: I am not sure yet. We likely can continue a reserve. If nothing else, the funding uncertainty is the primary reason to keep/grow savings.
    - Wattendorf: With growth, will renovation be a major cost?
    - Mokelke: Major improvements may often be covered by ASD, but growth may come out of our budget at times.
    - Lojewski: Do you expect ASD to ask for/dictate/use our budget more now that we are in an ASD facility.
    - Mokelke: I do not know the answer. I expect with current admin major things will be covered by ASD, but also can not be sure.
    - Jen Mickelson: These are valid concerns. However, if we are true to our charter, we should hope ASD will allow us to operate as we have.
    - Sharon Wilson: Charter schools are currently showing good data for academic success, so leadership currently doesn't want to take that away.
    - Jen Mickelson: Might be time for an APC retreat to focus on next goals for STrEaM.
    - Martha: It will also be important to add members to the APC. Maybe at the jump start?
    - Jen Mickelson: It may be time to consider adding a student rep.
- Transition Team Report

E. Action items

- Internal Principal Evaluation Process:
    - SOP created. Kept intentionally vague within key boundaries, such as three surveys sent out during the 4th quarter.
    - Motion to approve the Internal Principal Evaluation: Martha Lojewski
    - Seconded by: Sharon Wilson
    - Discussion: None
    - Vote: Unanimous approval to accept the new internal principal evaluation process.

- Calendar waiver approval
    - Calendar waiver sent by Principal Mokelke to central office. Main changes: a PD day first day back from winter break. A PD day in April that is normally a closure day.
    - Motion to approve the Calendar Waiver: Martha Lojewski
    - Seconded by: Jen Mickelson
    - Discussion: None
    - Vote: Unanimous approval to accept the calendar waiver.
- KCI MOA approval
    - Plan to provide space for kids corp to operate out of the same building.
    - Motion to approve the KCI MOA: Martha Lojewski
    - Seconded: Savanna Lethin
    - Discussion:
        - Sharon Wilson: The MOA does not have a place for us to sign. This gives the impression that we don't have a choice to begin with.
    - Vote: Unanimous approval to accept the KCI MOA
- Principal Addenda to add 10 days in June and 5 in July to work on transitioning buildings.
    - Motion to approve: Martha Lojewski
    - Seconded: Sharon Wilson
    - Discussion: None
    - Vote: Unanimous approval to accept the principal contract agenda.

F. Non-Action Items

- Bylaws Update
    - Senior Director of School Choice & Charter Robyn Harris has approved our bylaws.
- 25/26 APC calendar

G. Good of the Order

- Jen Mickelson: Would be good to plan a APC retreat next fall. Look into costs soon to make a decision.

H. Verify next meeting and agenda

No meeting in June or July

Second Wednesdays, 5:30 pm, 1905 Twining Conference Room 123

I. Review who will do what by when

J. Items Tabled for future Discussion

- Curriculum Alignment Schedule: ELA/SS introduction and review

Meeting Adjourned at 7:18 pm