

APC Minutes  
Birchtree Charter School

Board Meeting  
Date: May 7, 2014  
Time: 6:06 pm  
Place: Birchtree Charter School

Mission of Birchtree Charter School: To nurture and promote the development of healthy, responsible, and creative human beings.

APC Members Present: Anna Folsom, Lori Berrigan, Jamey Duhamel, Abigail Sheldon, Rob Catlett, Cathy Busbey,

I. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

II. **Approval of the Agenda**

Lori Berrigan moved, Abigail Sheldon seconded approval. Agenda approved unanimously.

III. **Mission Moment**

Anna Folsom provided the Mission Moment.

IV. **Standing Agenda**

A. Approval of April 2<sup>nd</sup> Minutes – Lori Berrigan moved and Anna Folsom seconded approval. Minutes were unanimously approved.

B. Principal Report – Provided by Cathy Busbey and reviewed.

C. Pedagogical Council Report – Provided by Donna Levesque. APC asked the Pedagogical Council to make a recommendation as to what penalty, if any, should be enacted for families who fail to fulfill required volunteer hours.

D. Treasurer's Report – Provided by Rob Catlett and reviewed.

E. BPG Liaison Report – Provided by Anna Folsom and reviewed.

F. Committee Reports

-Communication and by-laws – No report.

-Building expansion

Rob Catlett will head this committee. Jamey Duhamel and Cathy Busbey will help, as will Lori Berrigan and Anna Folsom.

- Charter Rewrite – Cathy Busbey reports the rewrite is coming along and should be completed by the end of May.

V. **Persons to be Heard on non-agenda and agenda items**

Mike Danz and Donna Lavesque both provided input on state mandated testing. Both expressed concern about protecting children and the spirit of Waldorf education without running afoul of State of Alaska requirements. Donna Lavesque made suggestion that the school be more pro-active about reporting our success.

VI. **Old Business**

Book Club – Lori Berrigan will host the first bookclub, date to be determined when the books are distributed. The APC would like to include the BPG and the Pedagogical Council in the book club.

Strategy Meeting – We will debrief further over the summer.

**VII. New Business/ Action Items**

A. Approval of the 2014-15 school year calendar

Abby Sheldon moved and Lori Berrigan seconded approval. The calendar was unanimously approved.

B. Budget Transfer Request

Lori Berrigan moved and Anna Folsom seconded approval. Transfer request was unanimously approved.

C. Approval of Certified New Hires

Lori Berrigan moved and Rob Catlett seconded approving new hires. New hires were unanimously approved.

D. State Mandated Testing

After lengthy discussion and public input, it was suggested we would offer testing of Kindergarteners, but not forbid parents from opting out, should they choose to do so. This suggestion was moved for by Abby Sheldon and seconded by Rob Catlett. It was approved unanimously.

**VIII. New Business / Non action Items**

A. Standards for Participation – It was discussed that this issue be addressed in the bylaws committee. Lori Berrigan and Abby Sheldon will both be on the bylaws committee.

B. APC Meeting location change – this was discussed and will be moved to Old Business.

C. Shared Liaison position for BPG – Bylaws must be changed to proceed. This will be addressed by the bylaws committee.

D. Confirm Next Meeting Date and Time

Our next APC meeting will be June 4, 2014 at 6pm.

**IX. Future Business/Future Items**

Charter Rewrite, SBA results and Strategic Plan will be on the agenda as New Business for the June 4, 2014 meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:46 pm.**

**Summary of Motions:**

1. Agenda – Berrigan moved, Sheldon seconded. Unanimous approval.
2. Minutes – Berrigan moved, Folsom seconded. Unanimous approval.
3. Calendar – Sheldon moved. Berrigan seconded. Unanimous approval.
4. Budget Transfer – Berrigan moved. Folsom seconded. Unanimous approval.
5. New Hires – Berrigan moved. Catlett seconded. Unanimous approval.
6. State Mandated Testing – Sheldon moved. Catlett seconded. Unanimous approval.