

RSI Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2020

11:00 am Zoom Meeting

Attendees

- Marisa Wang, Chair
- Rebecca Colvin, Secretary
- Laurie Orell, Vice Chair
- Shawna Popavici, member
- Josh Vandagriff, Treasurer – excused absent

Impacts to Afterschool Clubs

ASD is considering banning afterschool programs from operating in school buildings due to COVID-19. One reason given is schools will be cleaned and disinfected nightly, which could be hindered by afterschool programs being there. We discussed the significant impacts to Rilke and its families if Rilke Clubs were no longer an option at the school, especially with school days and times in flux throughout the year.

The Alaska Afterschool Network is coordinating efforts to have programs continue to be operated within schools. They are working with both large scale, licensed providers (Camp Fire, YMCA, etc.) and small, school-based providers like Rilke Clubs. Laurie is part of their task force focusing on this issue. The task force is sending out a survey to parents that participate in afterschool programs. Rilke will be included in it.

Laurie is also participating in an advocacy workgroup under the Network with the goal to modify childcare licensing. As we remember, the requirements are so strict that Rilke Clubs was unable to meet them to operate as a fully licensed program. Many afterschool programs in other schools also suffer from this issue. She requests that we become members of the Network and pay associated dues as they are a good partner organization.

Action Item: Marisa is requesting the APC to create ad hoc workgroup to address afterschool programs not being allowed in school buildings. This situation will disproportionately impact all charter schools.

Club Sessions

Marisa and Shawna noted the German intern program has been cancelled for this school year, which is another negative impact to our program. We noted that the program will need to be very nimble this year with the likely possibility for clubs to be operated virtually. There will likely be increased demand for German language clubs to support at home learning. Possible ideas are:

- Former Rilke interns - virtual
- Sister school/partner schools' German teachers - virtual
- German-speaking TAs – in-person and virtual
- Clubs that can transition between in-person and virtual – ballet, yoga, etc.

Next meeting TBD in late July/early August.