

# Rilke Schule

## Academic Policy Committee

### Final Meeting Minutes

Approved April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 8:00 AM  
Special Meeting



#### I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 AM

The meeting was held at Rilke Schule.

Board Members Present: Frank Mächt, Jeff Ullom, Liz Crafford, Elisa Snelling, Steve Schaffer, Greg Gould, Debra Schwicht, Claudia Bittlingmaier, Crystal Wrabetz

Board Members Absent:

Others attending the meeting were: approximately 30 Rilke Schule parents and staff

The purpose of our meeting is for the board to continuously review our options for the future. We also want to keep the community informed.

Over the year we listened to our stake holders, and we looked at our options for the school. Over the months it has come down to two options. One is pursuing a lease with Rilke Schule Inc. for the Sentry Drive property. The other is continuing with our current lease.

We will take 15 minutes of Public Comments

#### II. Public Comments

*Denise Cotten* requested that going forward if you are going to have additional meetings it would be good if it could be at a time when the staff could attend.

Another parent commented that parking and dropoff was a huge problem for them that causes them to be tardy nearly every day.

*Pablo Rodriguez* asked if we had another building in mind. Frank responded the corner of Lake Otis and Abbott Rd.

*Patty Wilbanks* asked why wasn't the other location made known to others sooner.

*John Levy*, current landlord. We've been working with the APC for the last year to identify your needs and address some of the needs for improving this facility. Six months ago we understood Rilke Schule Inc was interested in purchasing the Sentry Drive property. We then learned that this option fell through and now they are considering leasing instead. My concern is that some of the underlying issues have been addressed. Do you know who the landlord is? What about maintenance and taxes – Some questions may not have been answered.

We thought we would be in here on time, things happened and it ended up being February – things always happen. If you have to move twice that could be very hard on the program. I would

ask you not to make a decision until you look at the underlying issues. Are you willing to go with something you don't have all the information about?

*Sharon \*\*\** - Mr. Levy said something about moving twice. Could you please explain? Mr Levy explained that if the new place isn't ready in time you would have to start in a different place and then move.

*Brett Wilbanks*– RSI is prepared and ready to complete the move into Sentry Drive. We are committed to moving and being successful. The interest of Levy & Zelener is profit. Our goals are to provide the best for the school and be strategically aligned with the school. Our deadline is Wednesday. We may not be able to divulge all the opportunities we have at this time. We have a suitability requirement that the Sentry Drive building meets 95% of the requirements.

*Mr. Zelener* – One problem with a lot of these proposals is that most of you don't know what's in this proposal. The board has not distributed our proposal or anyone else's. The problem is things don't always go as planned. When we did this building we had tremendous financial backing and we had problems. RSI is empty. You will put the program in jeopardy if something goes wrong. We have asked the board to release our documents. We looked at Sentry Drive in January. They have extensive leases that are in place that would have to be bought out or negotiated. Sentry doesn't have enough room at this point. Where is the money coming from? Hire experts to give you opinions so you have your bases covered. We have a problem of misinformation of brow beating and someone doing this for a higher cause. I would urge the board to release the information.

*Jennifer Alexander* – parent of 5<sup>th</sup> grader. My first choice is to stay in this building. However, I have been supportive of Rilke Inc. It is my understanding that 60 kindergarteners will come to this program next year. We are losing less than 20. I don't know where we are going to put them. If I stay here, I will stay one more year not three. Children will leave in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and make the upper grades not functional if we remain at this location.

### III. New Business

**ACTION:** to recess to executive session for 30 minutes to discuss matters of a financial nature.

*Moved by: Greg Gould*

*Seconded by: Liz Crafford*

**VOTE:**

*Unanimous*

**MOTION PASSED**

The board moved into Executive Session

### IV. Executive Session

A 30 minute executive session was held to discuss legal and financial issues related to the lease proposal.

The board recessed out of Executive Session for the purpose of voting on the lease proposal.

**ACTION:** to vote on the approval of the lease proposal presented by Rilke Schule Inc for the Sentry Drive property, signing contingent upon legal review and approval by the Anchorage School District for all Rilke Schule German School lease documents.

*Moved by: Greg Gould*

*Seconded by: Jeff Ullom*

**VOTE:**

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*Unanimous*  
**MOTION PASSES**

V. Adjournment

**ACTION:** to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 am

*Moved by: Liz Crafford*

*Seconded by: Debra Schwicht*

**VOTE:**

*Unanimous*

**MOTION PASSES**

Elizabeth Crafford  
APC Secretary