

WINTERBERRY CHARTER SCHOOL
ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE dba WINTERBERRY CHARTER COUNCIL
AGENDA
05/20/2021
6 pm

Attendance: Julie Pepe-Phelps, Alex Schutz, Lisa Stratford, Marc Stover, Peter Host, Jessie Menkens, Shana Garrels, Paula Dobbyn, Molly Towner, Nick Perry

I. Opening

- A. Motto of the Social Ethic by Rudolf Steiner
*"The healing social life is found
when in the mirror of each human soul
the whole community finds its reflection
and when in the community
the virtue of each one is living."*
- B. Song
- C. Excitement Sharing

II. Approval of Minutes

Paula Dobbyn moved to approve the minutes. Jessie Menkens seconded.
Approved unanimously.

III. Approval of Agenda

- IV. Community Comments** [3 minutes each] *Please note: This is the public's time to talk and the board's time to listen. Winterberry Charter Council does not hear complaints against students or personnel in public session. It is not the board's practice to engage in discussion or to answer questions during community comments. Commenters' names will be recorded in the minutes. Thank you.*

V. Informational Reports

- A. Principal's Report (Julie Pepe-Phelps)
Attached.
- B. Faculty Report
Tomorrow is clean-up and moving day for the teachers. The teachers want to express gratitude for Mr. Edwin, Ms. Colleen, and Ms. Pepe-Phelps for everything they do.
- C. WPG Report (Jessie Menkens)
We said goodbye and thank you to the outgoing officers: Oona Martin (president), Julie Calcote (vice president), Jessica Gardner (fundraising chair), and Trina McBride (treasurer). They have done tremendous work leading the WPG toward our goal of funding teacher training.
The incoming officers are: Erin Schneider (president), Tapia Stover (vice-president), Jennifer Sersa (fundraising chair), and Liz Osorio (treasurer)
Looking at the budget, the WPG has a good nest egg at the moment. All teacher requests were approved for this summer, including quite a few teachers leaving the state for in-person training.
The WPG discussed how, as a body, to support parents as we come into the school year with a back-to-school gathering of some kind, also recognizing that some families have not spent any time in the school this year. There is interest in the WPG in knowing which seats are available on the WCC.

D. Committee Reports

1. Administrative Committees [answers to principal]

a. Safety

Will Perry is the SRO assigned to our building. He has been very helpful.

b. Outdoor Playspace

No report

2. WCC subcommittees

a. Legislative Policy (Jessie Menkens)

A budget has been approved and subcommittee meetings are happening as there is not agreement between the senate and house. There are two large chunks of money expected in the next year. The first chunk of the money will be used for tourism and hospitality.

b.

c. Budget (Shana Garrels)

Attached

d. Grant Committee

No report.

VI. Business

A. Charter Council Member Agreements

B. WCC Chair, Vice Chair, Past Chair

A new chair, vice chair, and past chair will be needed in July. Alex will be submitting his letter of resignation. Marc Stover is willing to accept a nomination for the position of chair. Peter Host is willing to accept a nomination for vice-chair. Peter Host moved to discuss Alex's resignation and nominations after the p

B. Principal Evaluation

Jessie Menkens moved to go into Executive Session for principal evaluation. Marc Stover seconded. Approved unanimously.

Peter Host moved to leave Executive Session. Jessie Menkens seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jessie Menkens moved to accept Alex Schutz's resignation, with gratitude for his service. Peter Host seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Jessie Menkens moved to nominate Marc Stover for the position of chair. Lisa Stratford seconded. Marc Stover accepted the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

Jessie Menkens moved to nominate Peter Host for the position of vice chair. Marc Stover seconded the motion. Peter Host accepted the nomination. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Gratitude

Gratitude for Principal Pepe-Phelps, the teachers, the parents, Darrel Vincek, a tireless advocate for charter schools, and to Alex Schutz for his service to the board.

Adjournment:

Peter Host moved to adjourn the meeting. Paula Dobbyn seconded the motion.
Approved unanimously.