

WINTERBERRY CHARTER SCHOOL  
ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE dba WINTERBERRY CHARTER COUNCIL  
AGENDA  
08/17/2017  
6 pm

**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**

07/20/2017

**III. Approval of Agenda**

Tara moved/Jessie 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Unanimous approval

**IV. Community Comments** [3 minutes each]

**V. Informational Reports**

- A. Budget Report  
(Shana)  
**Lottery updates:** The lottery is still rolling (which makes it difficult to have a solid number).  
There is a lot of movement in the classes at Winterberry, as well as the rest of ASD.  
K-has 20 now, lottery still rolling  
1-has 26 with no waitlist  
2-has 26, 2 rolling, 38 waitlist  
3-full with a waitlist (1)  
4-26 students, 2 seats rolling,  
5-25 students (but one is a maybe), 2 seats rolling, 18 on waiting list  
6-full  
7-26 students, no waitlist  
8-20 students, no waitlist  
Hybrid- no solid number yet. There were 12 as of last week.  
Working number= 225 (not counting Hybrid)  
  
246 max capacity not including Hybrid  
  
Expansion- meeting on Monday with ASD
- B. Administrator's Report  
  
(emailed over earlier)
  - 1. We officially hired Emily Becker back as the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher. We're lucky to have her!
  - 2. We are looking to fill our TA positions (grade k/1, sped, and handwork). They are posted and we hope to hire people soon.
  - 3. School setup and meetings went well last week.
  - 4. There is a voluntary meeting tomorrow after school (4pm) for teachers to learn how to assist a couple of students with medical issues who are attending Winterberry this year.
  - 5. The first day of school was great!
  - 6. Mr. Anderson will be our cross country coach this year.
- C. Faculty Report  
The calendar is up to date on the website.

Mr. Crawford finished our (draft) faculty manual over the summer. (question regarding a schoolwide classroom management plan. We will start working this Thursday on a behavior policy.)

Our first meeting is this Thursday afternoon.

Jeremy Crawford is the faculty chair.

D. WPG Report

There is a goal to have more communication leading up to the next meeting to increase attendance at the next meeting.

They are looking for a new chair, secretary, and fundraising chair.

There was conversation regarding training reimbursement for teachers over this summer.

Those teachers were reimbursed.

There is a back to school BBQ at Goose Lake with BBQ prepared by Tony Archer (sponsored by WPG) and a potluck.

The membership of WPG really needs to be bolstered. Faculty needs to make sure that they have faculty reps. Discussion around strengthening communication and consistent membership in the WPG.

E. Committee Reports

1. Administrative Committees [answers to principal]

a. Facility Expansion: Craig L, Marya P, Julie P, Shana G

There is a meeting on Monday

b. Charter Revision: Tara S, Lynne J, Marya P

There is a meeting on Thursday to work on it. Marya- One discrepancy they have found between the new and original charter- In the new charter, it lists a strings program in the upper grades and that we are open to having a second language. She suggests having an exploratory committee look into this possibility of offering these two programs. .

c. Safety: Dara L, Erica M, Kylara H

d. NVC: Charmine M, Samuel O, Becca B

No report

e. Outdoor Playspace: Donna M, Drew A, Lisa S

2. WCC subcommittees

a. Election: TBD December 2017

b. Hiring:

c. Supervisory Committee: Meggan J, Tara S, Claire L

The committee will meet once a week with Eric (one member at a time for 3 consecutive weeks followed by a meeting with all members)

d. Legislative Policy: Jessie M

e. Budget:

f. Alliance for Public Waldorf Education:

**VI. Business**

A. Contracting/purchasing/budgeting requests and approval

Discussion regarding the recording secretary

Tara moved to have Molly Towner continue as recording secretary/ Dara 2<sup>nd</sup>

Unanimous approval.

Meggan and Shana will meet tomorrow to discuss the contract details.

Principal contract corrections- He has no sick leave stated in his contract. He has personal and flex leave. It will be changed to show the same benefits as APA.

B. Homeschooling/Hybrid

Tara- There's no definition of a homeschool student that would guarantee us full funding for the hybrid children. We're responsible for renewing the charter for the whole school, and would like to see the hybrid program run through our processes and explore doing a charter amendment for whatever program the board wants to do. Delaying the approval of the charter is not worth the risk. She would like to approve the charter without adding a new program at this time and work on a proposed amendment afterwards. We've been doing this program for several years without the proper approvals. If we are going to continue, we would need to communicate with Darrell about that.

Shana- Most people in the hybrid program are on the waiting list for classes.

Tara: What do we want to add right now? (She suggests adding nothing- and adding an amendment later).

Meggan- The application is due September 1. To add something to the charter, it needs to go through the 3-body process first.

Julie called in.

Meggan- We have to have the charter application by Sept 1. Darrel was not aware that the hybrid was not in our charter. Do we draw attention to the hybrid program by including it in the charter and risk them getting stuck on it- or turn in our charter as is and add an amendment after that time.

Julie- the one thing in the email that Shanna sent, that she and Dedra went to ASD and were told to carry on with the program and put it in the charter renewal. Similar to what/how our language the faculty worked on is different than the original charter. It would be great to have some advice from Darrel (or Dr. Bishop, or somewhere else). In all of her dealings with ASD, she has received the message that our charter should include what we do AND what we want to do in the future. She doesn't know about the level of risk. She definitely wants the charter to go forward.

Marya-suggests going to Darrel with 2 options- adding it now/adding it through approval process.

We discussed the following (and how our hybrid program would be seen in light of this)

4 AAC 09.990(a)(3) "correspondence study program" means any educational program, including a charter school program or a state supported home-schooling program, that provides

(A) for each secondary course, less than three hours per week of scheduled face-to-face interaction, in the same location, between a teacher certificated under AS 14.20.020 and each class;

(B) for elementary students, less than 15 hours per week of scheduled face-to-face interaction, in the same location, between a teacher certificated under AS 14.20.020 and each full-time equivalent elementary student.

Motion (Tara), Marya 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimous approval

Proceed with the charter renewal without adding a homeschool or hybrid program. Explore adding those programs through an amendment process. Email Darrel our current understanding of our hybrid program and take steps, as needed, to insure our compliance.

C. Charter renewal work

Claire and Tara have been working hard on the renewal document. Budget information and more testing data has been added.

Class size was discussed.

Claire and Tara are meeting on Thursday and will discuss next steps.

1. Review
2. Assign sections
3. Hybrid program as part of charter/solvency
4. Strings program
5. Other questions/concerns

D. Gratitude

Compost Pile

1. 40 Questions from George and Donna
2. Strategic Plan

Jessie motioned to adjourn/Dara 2<sup>nd</sup>

Unanimous approval.