

Meeting Minutes



Meeting Title:	WCC Meeting-	Date:	4.16.20		
President:	Susannah Numme	Location:	Winterberry Charter School		
Minute Taker:	Molly Towner	Start:	6:10pm	End:	

Attendees: Molly Towner (recording secretary), Shana Garrels (business manager), Meggan Judge (past chair), Sue Armstrong, Alex Schutz, Susannah Numme (chair), Julie Pepe-Phelps (principal), Sarah Glaser (faculty), Marc Stover, Claire LeClair, Paula Dobbyn, Jessie Menkens, Lisa Stratford (faculty)

I. Opening

- A. Motto of the social ethic
- B. Song (Deep Peace)
- C. Excitement sharing

II. Approval of Minutes: Sue Armstrong moved to approve the minutes as amended. Jessie Menkens 2nd. Approved unanimously.

III. Approval of Agenda: Jessie Menkens moved to approve the agenda. Sarah Glaser 2nd. Approved unanimously.

IV. Community Comments: none

V. Informational Reports

A. Administrator’s Report (Julie Pepe-Phelps)

Ms. Pepe-Phelps gave the administrator’s report. (attached)

B. Faculty: (Sarah Glaser)

The teachers have been collaborating a lot; sharing links to each other’s “classrooms”. The specialty teachers have been popping into our Zoom meetings. Debbie attended a faculty Zoom meeting to work with us on speech-including exercises we can do before Zoom meetings. We are working together to figure out how to honor the 8th graders.

C. WPG Report (Jessie Menkens)

The executive committee met to discuss the auction, teacher training plans, a discussion of how families are doing and how the WPG may be able to communicate with and support families. The auction is postponed. There is no financial penalty for any cancellations. The WPG will not be actively fundraising at this time. The training plans will be adjusted, with approval from Ms. Pepe-Phelps. The WPG is thankful for the work of the teachers and staff. The members of the executive committee wonder how to identify and help fulfill needs for struggling families. They plan to contribute links to community resources in the Winterberry newsletter.

D. Committee Reports

1. Administrative Committees (answers to principal)

a. Safety (Julie Pepe-Phelps)

Ms. Pepe-Phelps and teachers who live in the Winterberry neighborhood are checking on Winterberry periodically.

b. Outdoor play space (Julie Pepe-Phelps)

No report

2. WCC subcommittee

a. Legislative Policy Committee (Jessie Menkens)

There were some vetoes announced by the governor that may affect education spending. Questions were brought up about the online learning platform out of Florida that was just purchased by the state.

b. Budget (Shana Garrels)

Many of our costs are staying the same during this time (ie teacher salaries).
Utilities are less expensive (electricity, trash service etc.)

c. Alliance for Public Waldorf Education

The Alliance is offering regular zoom meetings to support teachers during this time.

d. Grant Committee

The email address for the committee is winterberrygrants@gmail.com.

VI. Business

A. Gratitude

PD: Grateful for the teachers and principal. The school is a vital part of a lot our lives.

JPP: Grateful for the faculty and the great job they are doing, with grace and beauty. They are a kind, loving group to work with.

MS: Grateful for being a part of this community.

SG: Grateful for Julie- and the incredible job she is doing, in her 1st year.

SN: Grateful for Winterberry staff and faculty, especially her son's teacher.

MT: Grateful for all of the years at Winterberry

VII. Adjourn

Jessie Menkens moved to adjourn. Alex Schutz 2nd. Unanimously approved.



Principal's Report for Winterberry Charter Council

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Julie Pepe-Phelps

HEART

- Teachers and students staying connected over Zoom meetings. Our Waldorf world is upside down!
- Ms. Colleen doing a great job with weekly Winterberry community newsletter.
- Our Grade 2 teacher, Cheryl Silcox lost mother to Covid-19. She has decided to retire from teaching this year.
- Staff reaching out to support one another with academic, emotional and technically needs. Lots of District support as well.

HANDS

- Ms. Robicheaux, our handwork teacher, has a website and has offered one-on-one handwork help to any student as well as her "Tiger Talk" series.
- Ms. Nicole, our Teacher assistant for Special Education, has kindly made colorful masks for staff.
- Developing a hiring committee of volunteers to interview candidates for next year position openings: Grade 3 and Movement.

HEAD

- Delivered computer devices to students per requests from families. Teachers are supporting parents as they navigate on-line offerings.
- Attending daily District offered Zoom meetings, Elementary Ed., Secondary Ed. and Charter School Principals. Winterberry Staff Zoom Monday and Friday at 9am, with T/W/Th optional check in.
- Winding down UAA/PACE credit course offered to teachers for professional development credit toward re-certification. Teachers continue to present in our Zoom meetings weekly.
- Spanish Teacher, Emily Baker presented on Echo Education Alaska, a statewide Teacher collaborative on 'Class Management enhanced by Child Study'.

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- Faculty getting Summer Training requests reorganized to do on-line as Teacher Training programs are being cancelled. WPG has approved this change.