

WINTERBERRY CHARTER SCHOOL
ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE dba WINTERBERRY CHARTER COUNCIL

minutes

9/21/23

6 pm at Winterberry, Handwork room

Attendance: Neil Brauer, Jennifer Fuller, Shana Garrels, Trevor Holm, Ruger Johnson, Nick Perry, Julie Pepe-Phelps, Becky Porter, Marc Stover, Molly Towner

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 and Welcoming

II. Approval of Minutes – May 2022 & August 2023

Jennifer moved to approve the August minutes. Shana Garrels 2nd. The August minutes were approved. Nick Perry moved to move the approval of May minutes to October. Trevor Holm 2nd. The motion carried.

III. Approval of Agenda

Nick Perry moved to approve the agenda. Jennifer Fuller seconded. The motion carried.

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.

No community comments.

V. Informational Reports

A. Administrator Report (Julie Pepe-Phelps)

Attached.

B. Faculty Report (Jennifer Fuller)

There was warmth and enthusiasm at the open house.

The festival of Courage is coming up on Thursday, October 28 at 10:00am.

The faculty is taking a course during faculty meetings, with credits available from UAA. Today's topic was literacy in Kindergarten.

C. WPG Report (Nick Perry)

In their last meeting, the WPG discussed the Alaska Reads Act. Reimbursement for teacher training is being done. The WPG is sponsoring a family dance and potluck on October 6.

D. Budget Report (Shana Garrels)

Unallocated funds can be relocated to the general fund as needed. We have more students than we budgeted for.

Covid funds must be spent by the end of FY24. There is \$536,682.00 available, being used for tutoring and teacher support.

E. Committee Reports

1. Administrative Committees [answers to principal]

a. Safety

No report

b. Outdoor Site Committee

a. Update

Phase 1 is completed, with \$60,000 in funds this year. The boat needs to be moved/completed. Decoration for the fire gate will happen soon. Next steps- chips, timber edging, equipment, outdoor site. They have put together an estimate and are working with ASD procurement. Funding so far has been outside of the WB budget. They hope to have phase 2 done by next August. \$100,000 from WCC last year hasn't been spent yet. Next month's action items include a request for additional funds for phase 2.

2. WCC subcommittees

a. Legislative Policy

No report

b. Grant Committee

No report

VI. Business

- A. Policy and Procedure Review: 5 – 10 minutes reminder on item of choice
- a. Provide evidence that the charter school met with the APC at least once a year to monitor progress in achieving the committee’s policies and goals. AS 14.03.255(b)(4)
- i. Does (for instance) WCC Board Chair need to meet with APC at least once a year?

The Charter School Academy- Open Meetings Act training is happening on September 30, 2023 and several WCC members will attend.

- B. Alaska Reads Act
- a. Update and discussion
- Principal Pepe-Phelps updated the board about trainings and assessments being done in compliance to the Alaska Reads Act.**
- b. Response plan
- A letter to Commissioner Bishop is in the works and will be presented next month.**

C. Gratitude

D. Adjournment:

Nick Perry moved to adjourn the meeting. Jennifer Fuller seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Winterberry's Mission: Growing the innate potential of each child.

Winterberry's Vision: To receive the children in reverence, educate them in love and send them forth in freedom.

HEART

- Please read **Winterberry Business** newsletter each Thursday for highlights of each week and upcoming events. We have a new format---Take a look!
- Working on **20th anniversary of Winterberry/Alumni gathering**---if interested, please contact me
- **Back-to-school potluck** was a great success!
- **Delicious Staff meals** on Thursdays from our dear parents---thank you!
- **Getting a Rhythm**-Returning students, parents and new families are beginning to find their routine and flow in being back at school.
- **An actress from Hamilton** came to Winterberry for a Q and A with our Gr. 7/8 students

HANDS

- **Woodworking program** with Eric Anderson (former WB Principal-now retired!) and Marya Pillifant (WB founder and former parent). They are looking for others to support this important and popular offering---please contact me for details.
- **Outdoor Site Committee** continues to meet and manage the future projects.
- **Classroom and school cleaning**
- **Handwork and Hang** Wednesday mornings in the lobby
- **Outdoor gear---every day.** All students must be prepared for the weather, for outside recess and for Movement class.
- **X-country running team** is well attended this year and having fun rain or shine!

HEAD

- **Alaska Reads Act**---Testing window closed tomorrow
- **Superintendent Bryantt** visited Winterberry at the end of August.
- **Waldorf professor, Torin Finser** visited Winterberry, toured and joined faculty meeting
- **Year-long Faculty professional development/Professional Learning Communities (PLC)**

- **Winterberry OPEN HOUSE**---well attended. Each teacher hosted a different topic.
- **Parent Workshops**-Wednesdays began this week: Occupational Therapist, Alisa Elliot Rector spoke to parents and teachers about ways to support sensory integration