

WINTERBERRY CHARTER SCHOOL
ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE dba WINTERBERRY CHARTER COUNCIL

Minutes

04/21/22

6 pm at Winterberry, Handwork room

Attendance: Sue Armstrong (zoom), Shana Garrels, Peter Host, Jessie Menkens, Rich Perry, Julie Pepe-Phelps, 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

May troubles be less and blessings be more...

- C. Excitement Sharing and Welcoming

- a. This is our first "in-person" meeting since 2020!

II. Approval of Minutes

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. Administrator's Report (Julie Pepe-Phelps)

Attached

- B. Faculty Report

Middle school dance (80's theme) is next Friday, April 29.

Yearbooks will be on sale starting tomorrow before and after school for \$30.

Punchcards will be available for \$10 for pizza, popcorn, and bake sale items from the 7th grades. Any balance will be donated to the 7th grade class.

- C. WPG Report (Jessie Menkens)

The WPG's main goal is to fund teacher training and has been working on processes and decision-making systems regarding this. Tapia Stover has been leading the effort to get these systems in place.

Jessie does not yet have a replacement for WCC/WPG liaison.

D. Budget Report (Shana Garrels)

Shana gave the budget report.

E. Committee Reports

1. Administrative Committees [answers to principal]

a. Safety

The safety backpacks have been inventoried and restocked.

CPR: All staff are trained every 2 years.

Repairs are needed on the fence.

We are looking at buying a fireproof filing cabinet.

An ALICE drill happened yesterday.

A convex mirror will be purchased for the end of the driveway.

Stopping at the stop sign, driving 5mph, and staying off cell phones are 3 important things to remember.

b. Outdoor Playspace

Parents interested in being on the committee, Jeff Jablonski (master gardener), and Emily Becker (master gardener) have all weighed in on next steps for the outdoor space.

2. WCC subcommittees

a. Legislative Policy

SB111 – A bill focusing on early reading assessment and readiness is moving through the legislature. It is being linked to funding support. The governor told the Senate minority leader that meaningful support would not be passed without this (and similar) bills. (What kind of mandates is our charter protected from?)

b. Grant Committee (Peter Host)

Peter is working with a marketing/consulting organization to apply for a grant to fund an audit of our marketing channels and competitive research plan-to raise awareness and interest from potential parents. He will work with the WPG to go forward. The grant is a Strengthening Organizations Grant through Alaska Community Foundation.

c. Elections Committee Board Roster and Openings

i. Voting

1. Seat A (Lisa) faculty
2. Seat B (Sarah) faculty
3. Seat D (Marc)
4. Seat F (Peter)
5. Seat H (Paula / vacant)

6. Seat K (vacant)
7. Seat M (Sue / vacant)

VI. Business

A. WCC Annual Calendar Review

Jessie Menkens moved to omit the May meeting and change the August meeting to August 11. Peter Host 2nd. The motion passed.

B. WCC Board Self Evaluation – part 2

The board continued their self-evaluation discussion.

C. Executive Session – Principal Contract

Jessie Menkens moved to go into executive session. Nick Perry 2nd. Executive session began at 8:15.

D. Gratitude

E. Adjournment:

Principal's Report for WCC

4-21-22

Julie Pepe-Phelps

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

- **Ongoing gratitude** to the families that continue to provide **staff meals on Thursdays**
- Please read **Winterberry Business** newsletter each Thursday-for highlights of each week and upcoming events.
- **School Tours throughout the week** —please continue to spread the word about our wonderful Winterberry!
- **Bidding farewell and wishing well**.....Ms. Lisa (Kindergarten) and Ms. Cronick (G1)
- **Confirming Proposed 3-Body** lunch, meet and greet Thursday, May 12 at 1pm.

HANDS

- **Grade 5: Pentathlon:** (May 5) at Goose Lake Park competing with Anchorage Waldorf School (our local private Waldorf school) and Boreal Sun (Fairbanks public Waldorf school) teams.
- **Grade 6: Kachemak Bay trip** (Apr. 4-6) was great fun, class connection and hands-on learning
- **Grade 8: Circus** (April 27) @UAA with school performance and evening performance, **Class Trip** (May 9-16) Denali adventure and **Graduation** (May 18)
- **Moving classrooms** at end of school year (May 19 and 20)! All hands on deck! Please contact your class teacher to help out.
- **A.L.I.C.E. drills** per ASD protocol. Lockdown/evacuation and walk to alternate location school (College Gate Elementary).

- **Facility re-fresh:** List available soon for minor repairs and improvements---stay tuned!
- **Play yard projects:** Need volunteers to build, plant and assist with our play yard work—more info and sign-up sheet to come!
- **Mayfest:** Last day of school (May 19) 10:30am. Students and teachers preparing contribution to maypole school festival. Parents welcome.

HEAD

- **Class Plays**-on-going until end of school
- **Eurythmy teacher**—excellent times with students and staff!
- **World Language “Culture Faire”** (April 28) Details to follow from class teachers.
- **AK Star Testing** was temporarily *Paused* due to technical difficulties and now is back on and we are finishing up this week.
- **Fastbridge and MAP testing:** ends on 4/29
- **Summer Waldorf training and beyond!** Most teachers are participating in teacher training this summer. Appreciation to WPG for all fundraising efforts on behalf of our Faculty and staff.
- **Finishing Waldorf Masters Certificate** I am completing the last leg of my certificate this summer and fall.

“Our highest endeavor must be to develop **free human beings** who are able of themselves to impart **purpose** and **direction** to their lives. The need for **imagination**, a **sense of truth**, and a feeling of **responsibility** — these three forces are the very nerve of education.”

Rudolf Steiner