

WINTERBERRY CHARTER SCHOOL
ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE dba WINTERBERRY CHARTER COUNCIL

Minutes

12/16/21

6 pm

Attendance: Sue Armstrong, Chris Barr, Paula Dobbyn, Shana Garrels, Peter Host, Jessie Menkens, Nick Perry, Julie Pepe-Phelps, Marc Stover, Lisa Stratford, 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

II. Approval of Minutes

Jessie Menkens moved to strike the approval of the minutes from the agenda. Both the November and December minutes will be available for approval in January. Sue Armstrong 2nd. Unanimous approval.

III. Approval of Agenda

Jessie Menkens moved to amend the agenda to include discussion of the parent-informed masking policy that was announced by the district this afternoon. as amended. Peter Host 2nd. The agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

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's Report (Julie Pepe-Phelps)

Attached

B. Faculty Report (Lisa Stratford)

No report

C. WPG Report (Jessie Menkens)

The WPG has a healthy nest egg. The GARDEN campaign experienced phenomenal participation- 100% and raised \$22,000.00. Gratitude to Iris Hllsinger, who headed the GARDEN campaign this year. The WPG is looking for a new GARDEN coordinator for next year.

There is new energy around the outdoor committee.

D. Budget Report (Shana Garrels)

Nothing to report tonight. The January meeting will include the quarterly report.

E. Committee Reports

1. Administrative Committees [answers to principal]

a. Safety

No meeting this week.

b. Outdoor Playspace

In January, the committee will review what has been done and look at the master plan to see what action should come next.

2. WCC subcommittees

a. Legislative Policy (Jessie Menkens)

The governor released his budget yesterday, showing no reduction in education funding. The regular session begins January 16, with pre-filed legislation being released January 7 and January 14.

b. Grant Committee

No report

VI. Business

A. Board Positions

c. ELECTION of MEMBERS to the WINTERBERRY CHARTER COUNCIL

A committee made up of 1 faculty member, 1 WCC member, and 1 parent needs to be formed. Molly Towner (faculty) and Jessie Menkens (WCC member) offered to be on the committee. A request for a parent to serve

on the committee will go out in the January newsletter. The seats that will be open for re-election are: seat B (Glaser- not seeking re-election), seat D (Stover- seeking re-election), seat F (Host- seeking re-election), seat H (Dobbyn- not seeking re-election), seat K (vacant), and seat M (Armstrong-unsure about seeking re-election)

d. OFFICERS of the WINTERBERRY CHARTER COUNCIL
Officer elections will take place after the member election.

B. 3 Body Meeting: Faculty, WCC, WPG

C. Change in mask mandate

Principal Pepe-Phelps will email staff/faculty for feedback on the change. There will be a special WCC meeting around the 27th to discuss the change. The meeting will be announced via blackboard and on the school website.

D. Gratitude

E. Adjournment:

Sue Armstrong moved to adjourn. Paula Dobbyn 2nd.

Principal's Report for WCC

12-16-21

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

- **Continued Gratitude** to the families that continue to provide **staff meals on Thursdays and other lovely treats** throughout the week!
- Continue to encourage all families to read **Winterberry Business** newsletter each Thursday-for highlights of each week and upcoming events.
- **Winter Spiral** set up for community to walk throughout the holiday
- **Zoom visit with mentors:** George Hoffecker and Donna Burgess (started mentoring at Winterberry in 2007)

HANDS

- On-going **need for subs**
- **Lantern Walk**—beautiful night!
- **Outdoor Committee** looking for interested parents Noon Zoom for community meeting in January
- **X-country skiing** begins for gr. 6/7/8 on Jan. 4

HEAD

- Finished up World Language course in **Spanish** and will be beginning **French** in the next quarter.
- **Parent-informed masking** beginning January 3 per District letter today.
- Would like to develop **promotional material** for Winterberry to showcase our school before the next lottery which opens for applications February 1, 2022.
- Hired **general ed tutor, Ms. Valerie** to support academic needs in classrooms.
- **3-Body meeting** date TBA
- **Winter Assembly** (all school) was well received

Verse

We must eradicate from the soul all fear and terror of what comes toward us out of the future. We must acquire serenity in all feelings and sensibilities concerning the future. We must look forward with absolute equanimity to all that may come and we must think only that whatever comes is given to us by a world direction full of wisdom.

It is part of what we must learn in this age, namely, to live out of pure trust, without any security in existence; trust in the ever-present help of the spiritual world. Truly nothing else will do if our courage is not to fail us. Let us discipline our will, and let us seek the awakening from within ourselves, every morning and every evening.

~Rudolf

Steiner