

WINTERBERRY CHARTER SCHOOL
ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE dba WINTERBERRY CHARTER COUNCIL

minutes

4/20/23

6 pm at Winterberry, zoom

Attendance: Jennifer Fuller, Shana Garrels, Chris Griffith, Ruger Johnsen, Margaret Mackie, Julie
Pepe-Phelps

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

Ruger Johnsen moved to approve the minutes. Jennifer Fuller seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

III. Approval of Agenda

Chris Griffith moved to approve the agenda. Ruger Johnsen seconded the motion. The agenda was approved.

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)
Principal Pepe-Phelps gave the Administrator's Report (attached)
- B. Faculty Report (Jennifer Fuller)
**Eighth grade is preparing for their 8th grade trip to Hawaii next week.
There are 23 instructional days in the school year.
There are many special events coming up: 5th grade Pentathlon,**

Mayfest, and work with guest puppeteer, Silila, making German puppet plays. Grade 7 has completed a weaving project. The faculty is working on a course of study to complete during faculty meetings next year.

C. WPG Report (Nick Perry)

There are new officers in the WPG. The auction was a successful event. There will be one more meeting before the end of the school year.

D. Budget Report (Shana Garrels)

Shana gave the budget report.

E. Committee Reports

1. Administrative Committees [answers to principal]

a. Safety

No report

b. Outdoor Play Space

a. Funding and Account Discussion

b. Approval of Funding

Request: a budget amendment allocating \$100,000 from the Winterberry reserves over the next 3 fiscal years for safety surfacing, play equipment, installation, and other priorities of the project.

Shana Garrels motioned to allocate up to \$100,000 from the Winterberry reserves to be spent over the next 3 fiscal years on select play equipment, installation of that equipment, safety surfacing, and other remaining priorities of the project, all that are approved by ASD. The motion was discussed.

Chris Griffith seconded the motion. The motion was approved, with unanimous consent.

2. WCC subcommittees

a. Legislative Policy

No report.

b. Grant Committee

No report.

VI. **Business**

A. 3 Body (+1) Meeting

a. Discussion and take aways

The time was well-spent, going over the principles of Waldorf Education.

- B. Policy and Procedure Review: 5 – 10 minutes reminder on item of choice
Parent communication example and protocol was discussed. It is included in the handbook.
- C. Annual Charter School Principal Evaluation
 - a. Break into Executive Session to review teacher’s principal evaluations
Chris Griffith moved to move into executive session for the purpose of completing the principal evaluation. Ruger Johnsen seconded the motion. The executive session commenced.
Chris Griffith moved to come out of executive sessions. Ruger Johnsen seconded the motion. The executive session came to a close.
- D. 2023 Close Out and discussion
Wil be discussed at a later date.
- E. Gratitude
- F. Adjournment:
Ruger Johnsen moved to adjourn. Chris Griffith seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Administrator's Report

Julie Pepe-Phelps

Apr 20, 2023

HEART

- Please read **Winterberry Business** newsletter each Thursday for highlights of each week and upcoming events.
- **On-going School Tours**-continue to spread the word about our wonderful school!
- **“Handwork and Hang”** informal parent handwork get together on Wednesday mornings in lobby
- Beginning to work on **20th anniversary of Winterberry/Alumni gathering**—if interested, please contact me
- **New Family Welcome** next Tuesday 4-25. Welcoming 27 new families! Volunteer from WCC board to come and speak?

HANDS

- **Woodworking program** launched with Marya Pillifant (founder and former WB parent)
- **Outdoor site Committee** meeting each Monday at 2pm at school and on Zoom
- **HHH Auction proceeds** this year to Play yard approx. 35K
- **Request for “All hands on deck”** for parents to help with classroom move-out on **5-24!**

HEAD

- **Three-body meeting on Saturday, March 25th** very successful!
- **Parent Education Workshop Committee**-first workshop next Wednesday 4-26!
- **Lottery ended** and classrooms spaces are filling up
- **AK STAR testing** ended April 14 Gr. 3-8
- **Grade 6 Field Trip to Kachemak Bay** Apr. 17-19
- **Grade 4 Field trip to Seward Sealife Center** Apr. 18/19
- **Grade 5 Pentathlon**-May 11-12 at Birchtree