

Meeting Minutes



Meeting Title:	WCC Meeting	Date:	9-19-19		
President:	Susannah Numme	Location:	Winterberry Charter School		
Minute Taker:	Molly Towner	Start:	6:12pm	End:	7:30pm
Attendees: Molly Towner (recording secretary), Meggan Judge, Dara Lively (Secretary), Susannah Numme (chair), Marc Stover (community member), Julie Pepe-Phelps (administrator), Claire LeClair, Jessie Menkens, Sarah Glaser (faculty rep), Alex Schutz, Julianne Andrews, Iris Hilsinger					

I. Opening

- A. Motto of the social ethic
- B. Song (Fall is Here)
- C. Excitement sharing

II. Approval of Minutes: Meggan Judge moved to approve the minutes as amended. Claire LeClair 2nd. Approved unanimously.

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

IV. Community Comments: No comments

V. Informational Reports

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

HEART

- So many cheerful children stream through our door in the morning! Thanks to all of the families that support our well cared for students!
- Welcoming and Integrating our New Staff
 Teachers Ms Kim Spillane (Grade 5), Ms. Jenny Saroyan (Hybrid)
 Kinder TA: Ewout Damen
 SpEd TA: Michelle Wilson and Nicole San Diego
 Nurse: Katrina Seater, now full time!
 Substitute for Grade 7: Sarah Cronick, supported by Alicia Besh Barber
- School photos went very well! Fitzgerald Photography
- Festival of Courage—changed to Thursday, Sept. 26
- Hosting the Charter Principal meeting here on the 26th as well.
- Medieval Games for Grade 7 at Birchtree Oct. 4

HANDS

- All school evacuation drill to College Gate Elementary 9-5-19 went very well. Calm, happy, orderly walk with the support of three SRO (School Resource Officers).
- Strings Program Proposal: Parent Julianne Andrews and I have prepared a proposal and I am seeking Three body support.
- Another thank you to the outdoor site team for their care and maintenance of our new grass, clover and plants---and especially to Oona Martin who keep it running from afar this hot summer!

- Thanks to the on-going efforts of Granny Sue, Amy and Co. and the other members of TEAM LAZURE that are still repairing walls and making Winterberry an *even MORE* beautiful place!
- X-country running started-Head coach- Adam Loomis, Asst. Coach Art Harmon.

HEAD

- Wonder-full classroom visits—Kindergarten—PLAY! And so many siblings! Grade one off to a beautiful start—and everyone is getting sick, right on schedule! Grade 2 are so much more capable and have taken up where they left off with writing, reading and math practice. Grade 3 is in their farming block-had a wonderful field trip to Pyra's farm and the State Fair. Grade 4 is fully engaged in their Norse Myths, Grade 5 Botany and nature walk collections, Grade 6 is loving their Geometry block as is Grade 7 have been working on class agreements, geometry, biography writing and a hike up flat top with their handmade journals, Grade 8 has been observing, studying and painting clouds, electricity, had a guest storyteller to start off their biography writing as they reflect and contemplate their last year at Winterberry.....
- Attended Open Meetings Act Training: Have comments about how we notice committee work
- MAP Growth Testing Gr. 3-8 Fall window 9/3-20 (On computer). Fastbridge K-2 (Using paper and pencil)
- Had my first General Leadership Meeting with all other district principals---am making "friends" and connecting with colleagues/asking questions, etc. Loving my job as principal!

B. Faculty: (Sarah Glaser)

Sandy Christenson is our new faculty chair. Our meetings now include meaningful learning (peer sharing).

C. WPG Report (Jessie Menkens)

The following topics were discussed:

The October count and how we could let the community know about it. (It went out in and email from Winterberry Business)

The strings program

A proposal for an after-school ski program/club for Thursday afternoons. Many questions remain. There was not vote or decision made.

The G.A.R.D.E.N. Initiative

D. Committee Reports

1. Administrative Committees (answers to principal)

a. Safety

All of the fire drills are scheduled for the year.

b. Outdoor play space

Oona produced a new/revised list of possibilities for the outdoor play space.

Jeremy Crawford is working on a nice, outdoor sign listing the recess agreements.

2. WCC subcommittee

a. Legislative Policy Committee (Jessie Menkens)

No report

b. Budget (Shana Garrels)

Student count is 237. (We are budgeted for 244). Lottery is still rolling. Supply fees are 45% paid.

c. Alliance for Public Waldorf Education

No update. Add discussion item on a future agenda.

VI. Business

A. WPG/GARDEN Update (Iris Hilsinger)

Meetings are at 8:30 Mondays and will meet next Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Winteberryparentguild.org is live! There is a G.A.R.D.E.N. link on the website

The goal is 100% participation.

The theme is "Winterberry grows great teachers."

B. Strings program discussion (Julianne Andrews)

A handout was provided.

The Hybrid class currently has classes in strings. The next goal of the proposal is to expand the program next school year to include other students in group classes.

C. Bylaw Revision

Jessie Menkens moved to approve the Bylaw revision as presented. Dara Lively 2nd. Unanimously approved.

D. Gratitude

VII. Adjourn

Sarah Glaser moved to adjourn. Meggan Judge 2nd. Unanimously approved.