

Meeting Minutes



Meeting Title:	WCC Meeting	Date:	11.19.20		
President:	Susannah Numme	Location:	Zoom		
Minute Taker:	Molly Towner	Start:	6:04pm	End:	7:36 pm

Attendees: Julie Pepe-Phelps (principal), Molly Towner (recording secretary), Marc Stover, Sue Armstrong, Susannah Numme (chair), Jessie Menkens, Paula Dobbyn, Sarah Glaser, Shana Garrels, Alex Schutz, Meggan Judge, Lisa Stratford, Peter Host

I. Opening

- A. Motto of the social ethic
- B. Song (Deep Peace)
- C. Excitement sharing

II. Approval of Minutes: Sue Armstrong moved to approve the minutes as amended. Sarah Glaser 2nd. Approved unanimously.

III. Approval of Agenda: Jessie Menkens motioned to approve the agenda. Marc Stover 2nd. Approved unanimously.

IV. Community Comments: Kira Rafuse gave a comment of gratitude for the school/staff/community. She feels lucky to be connected to the school and appreciates how hard everyone has worked to make virtual learning a success.

V. Informational Reports

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

B. Faculty: (Sarah Glaser)

The faculty wants to share its deep and wide gratitude to the boards and the parents who are involved in the boards for the work they are doing- for the boards and in your families. We recognize how much you are doing. The faculty is strongly committed to strengthening the support webs we have for families- and is committed to bringing the best content we can.

C. WPG Report (Jessie Menkens)

The WPG a great meeting earlier this month. The members shared a lot of gratitude for the community / faculty. The WCC had 100% participation in the GARDEN campaign. Gratitude for all of the participating, the leadership of Iris Hilsinger, and the graphics work of Kelly Dufort. The WPG is discussing what the fundraising might look like this year for teacher training and how to best support families during this time.

D. Committee Reports

1. Administrative Committees (answers to principal)

a. Safety (Julie Pepe-Phelps)

Our SRO was at school the other day to let us know that he has been patrolling our parking lot. There has been a homeless man on the property lately.

b. Outdoor play space (Julie Pepe-Phelps)

Winterberry is seeking a family who knows how to put together the ice rink.

2. WCC subcommittee

a. Legislative Policy Committee (Jessie Menkens)

No legislation to discuss. Many schools are seeing very low participation from their students, with some moving to private schools. Lower numbers of students may lead to some budget concerns in the next session.

b. Budget (Shana Garrels)

attached

c. Alliance for Public Waldorf Education

No update

d. Grant Committee (Alex Schutz)

The committee has some tasks ahead of them. They are working on funding for outside lighting, ski equipment, and instruments for the strings program.

VI. Business

A: Formation of a committee to work on plans for 3rd quarter.

Jessie Menkens would like to serve on the committee, with the hopes that the committee can follow the same procedure they did last time- inclusive of faculty, and a survey to families. Alex Schutz would also like to serve on the committee. Transparency was discussed. When more than 2 people from the WCC are meeting, The meeting would have to be "noticed". This could be done on our website. Marc Stover also volunteered to serve on the committee.

Gratitude:

VII. Adjourn

Paula Dobbyn moved to adjourn. Sue Armstrong 2nd. Unanimously approved.

VIII.

Principal's Report for WCC
10-15-20
Julie Pepe-Phelps

HEART

- Our Winterberry community is keeping connected through close contact with teachers and administration staff.
- Warm notes, emails and quick “distanced” visits when parents are doing supply pick up keeps us in touch with each other

HANDS

- Teachers are putting together materials for families to pick up each week.

HEAD

- Student count so far this year: 253 (UP from 236 last year!) Go Hybrid Program!
- Parent Teacher Conferences next week—end of first quarter 10/16
- Noon Zoom featuring Specialties teachers Wednesday 10/21
- Created a “Needs Committee” to identify and attend to needs of Winterberry Families. Will work to identify family needs during conferences next week.

Following is a verse by Rudolf Steiner that I continue to reflect on:

A Verse for Our Time

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 sensations
About the future.

We must look forward with absolute equanimity
To everything that may come.

And we must think only that whatever comes
Is given to us by a world-directive full of wisdom.

It is part of what we must learn in this age,

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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.

And let us seek the awakening from within ourselves
Every morning and every evening.



October 2020 Budget Report

- FY21 Oasis to end October 23rd
- Student Count
 - Estimated enrollment of 250 for budget
 - Current enrollment is 253
 - Of those 32 are hybrid
 - Few registered in middle of Oasis Count, we will received partial funding for those students
- How has the building being closed to students affected the budget this quarter, FY21 vs. FY20?
 - Substitute \$0 vs \$9368
 - Decrease is due to virtual learning and adjustments and specialty teachers and other staff assisting if teachers are sick.
 - Teaching Supplies \$36,000 vs \$26,000
 - Increase is due to little student supply fees paid and increase of student supplies needed to adjust for at home and virtual learning.
 - Building Utility Costs \$7225 vs \$9510
 - Decrease due to no students in building.
- FY22 Budget to Come
 - Expecting new budget numbers for FY22 by the middle to late November

