

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Title:	WCC Meeting	Date:	10.15.20		
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, Darrel Vincek, Kira Rafuse, Sarah Glaser, Shana Garrels, Alex Schutz					

I. Opening

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

II. Approval of Minutes: Marc Stover moved to approve the minutes as amended. Paula Dobbyn 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 has been doing a lot of collaborating. We have a “teacher talk” zoom meeting every Friday. Our focus going into 2nd quarter is about what is going well and how we can improve in 2nd quarter. We are collaborating on reports. During conference week, we hope to find out what extra support may be needed for specific families.

C. WPG Report (Jessie Menkens)

The WPG would like to offer gratitude to the faculty/staff for the work they are doing. At the latest WPG meeting, fundraising was discussed. Our G.A.R.D.E.N. annual-giving campaign is underway, to close October 31. They are also trying to gently remind families to pay their supply fees, through Ms. Colleen or the ASD portal. Also discussed was protocol/process for decision making about teacher training requests. They also shared/checked in about how things are going with virtual learning. The community is eager to find out about next steps for Winterberry in regards to virtual learning.

D. Committee Reports

1. Administrative Committees (answers to principal)

a. Safety (Julie Pepe-Phelps)

No report

b. Outdoor play space (Julie Pepe-Phelps)

No report

2. WCC subcommittee

a. Legislative Policy Committee (Jessie Menkens)

We are still waiting to find out what bills may be on their way and what is happening with the governor's budget. Dec 15- will have a better idea about any changes in budget.

b. Budget (Shana Garrels)

attached

c. Alliance for Public Waldorf Education

No update

d. Grant Committee (Alex Schutz)

The WPG is having parallel discussions with the grant committee. The grant committee would like to meet with the faculty to find out what needs there are for the school.

VI. Business

A: Discussion regarding the letter to Dr. Bishop from the WCC.

Every member gave their opinion about the letter. Jessie Menkens moved to support the letter as presented. Marc Stover 2nd. The WCC voted unanimously (8-0) to support the letter as presented.

Gratitude:

Gratitude was shared for Principal Pepe-Phelps, the WCC, the faculty and the committee that worked on the letter.

VII. Adjourn

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

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,
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

