

Meeting Title:	WCC Meeting	Date:	12-13-18		
President:	Meggan Judge	Location:	Winterberry Charter School		
Minute Taker:	Molly Towner	Start:	6:12	End:	
Attendees: Susannah Numme, Rebecca Steadman, Eric Andersen (principal), Meggan Judge (President), Marya Pilifant, Julie Pepe-Phelps (faculty), Claire Leclair, Shana Garrels (business manager), Dara Lively, Sheryl Toscano, Jessie Menkens, Marc Stover					

I. Opening

- A .Motto of the social ethic
- B. Song (Dona Nobis Pachem)
- C. Excitement sharing

II. Approval of Minutes: moved to approve, 2nd. Approved unanimously.

III. Approval of Agenda: Susannah moved to approve Jessie Menkens 2nd. Approved unanimously

IV. Community Comment: (3 minutes) *Please note*

Melody Schwarz- Coming back here brings back a lot of good memories. There are many things she and her family miss about Winterberry.

V. Informational Reports

A. Budget Report (Shana Garrels)

A packet was handed out, including a pie graph showing allocations. 2017-18 and 2018-19 were included, as well as a comparison between several years of costs. \$46,000 of our budget is under "unallocated" because we don't know if we are going to receive it or not. We're maintaining a status quo with our budget this year, but may need to make adjustments because of the \$46,000 (based on a senate bill dealing with inflation of the BSA). The budget is based on the same number of students we have this year.

B. Administrators Report (Eric Andersen)

It is amazing to think that we are fast approaching winter break and it is only a few days away. It is certainly nice to see all the new snow on the ground and a brighter landscape. This past month has been full of activity, challenges, and celebrations. Last month we had our annual lantern walk which was a wonderful event for our entire community. Thank you to all the teachers who worked so hard with their students to learn their songs. Thanks to all the parents who gave their time to help out with the various jobs. And thanks to Drew and Julie for creating an outstanding lighted trail through the woods and coordinating the whole event. And most importantly, thanks to all the students for sharing their talents and enthusiasm with us.

Last November 30th tested our emergency preparedness like no other event in recent years past. I am very proud to say that our teachers and students reacted to the earthquake in the best possible way and has proven that our monthly trainings are working. This event has spurred many staff discussions as to what we did right and what we could do better in the future. Recently, we have created emergency flip charts for the classrooms that provide each teacher with emergency phone numbers and procedures to follow in a variety of situations. Those flip charts will be in the classrooms in the very near future. We will continue to work through our emergency action plan (EAP) as the year continues, which is essential for the health and well-being of our students. I can honestly say that our students came and hit the ground running. Most students were breathing a sigh of relief to be able to come back to the school they love. I am once again impressed with our students' resiliency after such

a major event as the one we just had.

I would like to conclude tonight by wishing everyone a happy holiday season and may you find yourself spending time with the ones you love.

He is very happy with Kyle's quick response; repairing cracks that appeared because of the earthquake.

The elevator needs to be inspected before it will be ok to use.

It has been wonderful having our building under the umbrella of ASD.

Communication policy-will go out in the new year by email to the community

C. Faculty: Julie Pepe-Phelps –

We had some very productive /supportive discussion about the earthquake. We cancelled the assembly based on our loss of time. We are taking turns meeting in each other's classrooms and taking part in a small part of the curriculum of that grade.

Monday/Tuesday of last week were our emergency closure days.

The State commissioner is working with ASD (and Mat-Su) to waive the other 3 days, so we do not have to make up the days at the end of the year

D. WPG Report (Jessie)

Our last meeting was a potluck at the Amy's home

There was a lot of gratitude spoken for Julie, Colleen, and the teachers who were at school during the earthquake.

There was also gratitude for the wonderful lantern walk

The play yard design was presented by Oona.

The joint interest in grants was discussed.

The board discussed how to best support teachers and classrooms. Some classes have WPG reps and class coordinators, some have only a WPG rep.

The next meeting is 12/10.

E. Committee Reports

1. Administrative Committees

a. **Safety (Eric Andersen)**-did not meet

2. **Outdoor play space: (Julie Pepe-Phelps)**. Ideas from several years have been put into a beautiful document (by Oona, with lots of help from Donna Mears and others)

3. WCC Subcommittees

a. **Legislative Policy (Jessie Menkens)** She is looking forward to meeting the new people in government positions who deal with the budget for public education.

b. **Budget:** no report

c. **Alliance for Public Waldorf Education:** No report

d. **Bylaw revision (Claire, Sheryl, Susannah):** The committee met tonight. Some of the by-laws are very detailed/prescriptive. They are wondering about making them more general- or leaving them as detailed as they are now. They would like to talk to the people who wrote the latest by-laws (2012) and look at by-laws from other high functioning charter schools.

VI. Business

A. Budget

Discussed ways of marketing- educating parents about the importance of our students staying all the way to 8th grade, increasing the diversity of our school

Dara Lively moved to approve the 2019-2020 budge, Marya Pilifant 2nd

Approved unanimously.

VII. Adjourn

Jessie Menkens moved to adjourn, Susannah Numme 2nd. Unanimously approved.

VIII.