

Winterberry Charter Council Agenda  
 December 15, 2016, 6pm at Julie Pepe-Phelps

Present: Lynne Jablonski, Marya Pilifant, , Lee Young, Meggan Judge, Christina Eubanks, Sue Armstrong (visiting community member), Tara Smith, Mike Rehberg, Julie Pepe-Phelps, Molly Towner

Opening: Motto of the Social Ethic by Rudolf Steiner

Song: Santa Lucia

Excitement Sharing

	Notes	Further action needed
Approval of November Minutes	Changes requested: add last names Lynne moves/Tara 2nds Unanimous approval (with edits)	
Approval of October Minutes	Tara moves to approve/Lynne 2nds Unanimous approval	
Approval of Agenda	Christina starred the "tabled" items at the bottom of the agenda. Dara moved to approve/Lynne 2nds Unanimous approval	
Community Comments	Tara: Regarding the furniture in 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> grade, the stools are uncomfortable. The tables are very big and difficult to move. In our long-term planning, she is in favor of a different arrangement. The topic of the Scholastic book order came up as well. Dara: 5 <sup>th</sup> grade is doing a fundraiser- donations in exchange for wrapping gifts. Molly: 8 <sup>th</sup> grade is doing	

	a BBQ fundraiser. Pay tomorrow for pick-up on Monday.	
Reports: Budget (Lee)	Lee estimates having \$200,00 by the end of the year. He is asking the staff to send he and Julie what they anticipate spending next semester.	
Reports: Administrative (Lee)	<p>Lee and Julie are focusing on attendance and timeliness, both of which are inconsistent. An email went out recently requesting that the students arrive by 8:15 to be ready to learn starting at 8:30. We also request that parents clear the hallway by 8:25 (and visit in the lobby if they would like.)</p> <p>Website- A group of staff attended a training today to learn how to maintain our website. We are looking to hire an additional sped teacher.</p> <p>Questions: Conex? The free one has been given away to someone else, so we would need to buy one.</p>	
WPG: Lynne	<p>She emailed out the highlights.</p> <p>Questions: Difference between last year and this year in the GARDEN Initiative? The</p>	

	<p>donations were larger last year, but included \$10,000 in grants.</p> <p>Christina: We should make sure there's a pick/click/give icon on the website.</p> <p>Winter Faire is coming up. Funds for the auction were approved. We're in talks with the chalet.</p> <p>Cheryl Lyon is cutting fabric this weekend and it will be available to take home to sew gem bags over break.</p> <p>Tara: Are the by-laws online? (Lynne- WPG just approved them. She will have Craig send them.)</p>	
Faculty Report (Julie)	Julie	
Facility Expansion (Marya, Craig, Julie)	<p>There is a meeting tomorrow with Kyle and they are going to talk about how important it is to move forward.</p> <p>They would like to have things organized before the holidays. They feel comfortable with his ability to move quickly and we need to make sure that Winterberry doesn't slow down the process. That does not mean fast-tracking any budget discussion. We need to make sure our budget and the project are in line. We do know how much we can pay for a lease, but we don't know if a lease number</p>	

	<p>will be presented to us tomorrow.</p> <p>Meanwhile, Christina suggests an executive financing committee made up of Lee, Christina, Shana, and Chad Steadman to look at options for financing (leasing and buying).</p>	
Charter Revision (Tara, Lynne, Marya, Christina)	<p>Tara has the charter writing that was done by Shanna last summer. The state charter renewal needs to be the primary document and completed first. It is our hope that we can use the state charter renewal (with an addendum) for the ASD charter renewal. The faculty section is ready to give to Tara for proofreading.</p>	
Outdoor play space	No report	
Safety Committee (Dara)	<p>She is reaching out to NVC folks for help with her part of the charter.</p>	
Election Committee	<p>Aaron Morse and Tom Malloy have both resigned.</p> <p>The following people are up for election:</p> <p>Mike Rehberg-parent seat-not running for his seat</p> <p>Tara Smith-parent-not running for her seat</p> <p>Christina Eubanks Teacher Seat A (Julie/faculty)- up for election in 2017</p>	

	<p>Seat B (Sarah/faculty)- up for election in 17-18</p> <p>Seat C (Faculty)- up for election now</p> <p>Seat D (open community)-up for election next year (can be appointed)</p> <p>Seat E (was Aaron Morse/parent) up for election this year (resigned)</p> <p>Seat F (Dara Lively/parent)-next year)</p> <p>Seat G (Tara Smith/ parent)-this year</p> <p>Seat H (Marya Pilifant /parent)-next year</p> <p>Seat I (Lynne Jablonski/ WPG)- appointed by WPG</p> <p>Seat J (Mike Rehberg /parent)-up for election next year</p> <p>Seat K (Meggan Judge /parent)-up for election next year</p> <p>Seat L (Christina Eubanks /parent)-up for election-this year</p> <p>Seat M (Tom Malloy /Parent)-up for election this year (resigned)</p> <p>Tara suggests that the election committee find people to run for all of the seats (and let them know if there is an incumbent running).</p> <p>Mike thinks his seat should be up for election this year.</p>	
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	<p>The election committee is Meggan (chair), Sue, and Molly.</p> <p>Dara suggests having potential candidates attend a WCC meeting and then have some kind of orientation/training on the WCC</p>	
Legislative Policy Committee	No report	
Gratitude		
Contracting/Purchasing/Budget approval	We discussed the possibility of WCC members attending the January conference.	
	Lynne moves to go into executive session/ Marya 2nds. Unanimous approval.	