

Meeting Minutes



Meeting Title:	WCC Meeting	Date:	3-21-18		
President:	Meggan Judge	Location:	Winterberry Charter School		
Minute Taker:	Molly Towner	Start:	6:10pm	End:	
Attendees: Molly Towner (recording secretary), Meggan Judge (President), Shana Garrels (business manager), Erin Schneider, Dara Lively, Sheryl Toscano, Jessie Menkens, Susanne Numme, Marc Stover (community member), Eric Andersen (principal), Julie Pepe-Phelps (faculty)					

I. Opening

- A. Motto of the social ethic
- B. Song (Oh How Lovely)
- C. Excitement sharing

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from February will be provided in time for approval at the April meeting.

III. Approval of Agenda

Jessie Menkens 1st/Dara Lively 2nd. Approved unanimously

IV. Community Comments

V. Informational reports

A. Budget Report (Shana Garrels)

*The week of Parent-Teacher conferences Ms. Colleen sent the request of student supply fees out via email as well as offered to parents a breakdown list if requested. As of today we have a total of 34.7% of student fees paid.

Kindy 40%, 1st 46%, 2nd 60%, 3rd 28.4%, 4th 26%, 5th 26%, 6th 36%, 7th 32%, 8th 11%

Total of \$7700 in fees paid, increase of \$5200.

We have a plan for next year.

*Good news! Connex is finally getting paid. Thanks to Craig Lyon. He was able to research and arrange an appointment with the municipality's senior planner. During the meeting, it was determined that our connex doesn't need a permit. However, we will need to move it onto the parking lot as well as put siding and paint it to match the school. This is something we can do over the summer. On Monday, ASD released and approved the funds for the container.

B. Administrator's Report

*On Tuesday, March 20th, Winterberry Charter School's charter was approved by the state board for another 10 years! I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard on making this happen. I also feel it is important to give special thanks to Claire LeClaire who worked extremely hard on putting the finishing touches on the charter and making sure that every detail was worked out. With this approval, winterberry can continue to provide an exemplary education to all its students for years to come.

*Next week we begin PEAKS state testing. This is the second year for PEAKS testing which assesses students in grades 3-8 on both ELA and Math. Grades 4 and 8 will also be tested in science as part of the state requirement. Students have been practicing on the computers with their teachers for the last few weeks in order to become familiar with the user interface on the computer and the tools that are available to the during certain parts of the test. PEAKS testing is a summative test that assesses student's knowledge of the common core standards which is taught through our adopted Alliance for Public Waldorf Schools curriculum. Testing will be held March 26th through April 12th with make ups the following week.

C. Faculty (Julie Pepe-Phelps)

*We worked on calendar setting today for school year 18-19. We scheduled the all-school events for next year.

D. WPG Report (Jessie Menkens)

Funding for teacher training was discussed at the last meeting. The plan is to proceed with approving all of the requests that were submitted to them (assuming enough money is raised at the auction). Reports from the WPG should be going out from our class reps to the individual classes. Tickets are on sale for the auction and must be purchased by April 1. There is a new newsletter coming out. Submission date is March 27. (Meggan will do a blurb about WCC). Question about filters- WPG is not going to continue paying for filters.

Dara- She, Oona, Dara worked on the website today and there will be separate icons for WPG and WCC minutes.

E. Committee Report**1. Administrative Committees****a. Facility Expansion (Eric Andersen)**

Kyle (owner of the building) has been in discussion with ASD, working through the new lease (tied in with the expansion). The lawyers for the owner and ASD are looking at the language of the lease. Dave Whiting (ASD) feels positive about the outcome.

b. Safety (Eric Andersen)

Eric spoke with Dara Lively and Kylara Hollingsworth about possible alternatives to the crowded foyer in the morning. There are not enough staff members to supervise them outside in the morning (and it is too dark in the winter mornings). With the expansion, we may be able to split up the younger/older students.

2. WCC subcommittee**a. Supervisory Committee (Meggan Judge)**

The majority of the people are available on April 28th, Saturday morning, from 9-1 for a board retreat. It will probably be at school, but may be somewhere else. (Sussanne would be happy to host)

b. Legislative Policy Committee (Jessie Menkens)

If you are interested in getting timely updates, and find out when there is a call for testifying, sign up for alerts on the Great Alaska Schools website.

VI. Business**A. Principal Contract**

Questions/Discussion-

Is there is a way of having a little bit more flexibility with what is considered "on-site" or "on-duty". (The principal can be working off-site for no more than 5 consecutive days, with a teacher-in-charge.)

The contract is a for 3 years, and follows the APA contract (even though charter principals are not members of the APA).

Principal Andersen will be evaluated by Darrel Vincek this year. In the future, the WCC may develop their own evaluation tool (which Darrel could request in writing at any time).

Dara Lively moved to accept the contract as written. Erin Schneider 2nd

Approved unanimously.

B. New officers needed**VII. Adjourn**

Jessie Menkens moved to adjourn/Dara Lively 2nd

Approved unanimously

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