

Meeting Minutes



Meeting Title:	WCC Meeting	Date:	5.21.20		
President:	Susannah Numme	Location:	Winterberry Charter School		
Minute Taker:	Molly Towner	Start:	6:05pm	End:	7:15 (regular meeting, beginning of exec. Session)

Attendees: Molly Towner (recording secretary), Shana Garrels (business manager), Alex Schutz, Susannah Numme (chair), Julie Pepe-Phelps (principal), Sarah Glaser (faculty), Marc Stover, Claire LeClair, Paula Dobbyn, Jessie Menkens, Lisa Stratford (faculty), Peter Host, Darrell Vincek, Erin Schneider, Sue Armstrong.

I. Opening

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

II. Approval of Minutes: Jessie Menkens moved to approve the minutes as presented. Peter 2nd. Approved unanimously.

III. Approval of Agenda: Sarah Glaser moved to approve the agenda as amended (adding the approval of a new member to replace Claire LeClair. Claire LeClair 2nd. Approved unanimously.

IV. Community Comments: none

V. Informational Reports

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

Ms. Pepe-Phelps gave the administrator’s report. (attached)

B. Faculty: (Sarah Glaser and Lisa Stratford)

The faculty has been partnering all year with an 8th grade partner.
None of us want to be teaching online, but we have all found ways to support our students.
The district is putting together a team including teachers to figure out how to proceed in the fall.

C. WPG Report (Jessie Menkens)

WPG met earlier this month. The auction has been cancelled for the year and the venue gave a full refund. Fundraising was discussed. WPG is in a good position to fund training, even without the auction this year. Conversation about how to stay connected with families. Not knowing how things may evolve for the fall causes unease with the members. Wondering about whether to do a back-to-school picnic. The WPG plans to reconvene over the summer.

D. Committee Reports

1. Administrative Committees (answers to principal)

a. Safety (Julie Pepe-Phelps)

An upper grades student was added to the safety committee this year, which will continue next year.

b. Outdoor play space (Julie Pepe-Phelps)

The outgoing 3rd grade has planted the garden and there is a watering schedule for the summer.

2. WCC subcommittee

a. Legislative Policy Committee (Jessie Menkens)

To follow up from a previous meeting regarding a contract for distance learning with a company in Florida, there is ongoing concern about the need for this program. It is something to keep watching and listening. The speed with which our teachers converted to online learning should be applauded. There's a need to stand up our response to the pandemic and a need for the legislature to come back together, which they did quickly, to get the money from the CARE act packaged and sent out. There is enormous unemployment and low oil prices. Without an alternate income source, there will be pressure put on the school budget.

b. Budget (Shana Garrels)

Budget report is attached.

c. Alliance for Public Waldorf Education

Julie will continue to pursue information from the Alliance before deciding about renewal.

d. Grant Committee

The email address for the committee is winterberrygrants@gmail.com.

VI. Business

A. Gratitude for Claire LeClair and election of replacement (Hybrid parent Kyla

Claire put in many hours on the charter renewal. She found her own replacement, Kyla Wilkinson.

Jessie Menkens moved to elect Kyla Wilkinson to Claire's seat. Marc Stover 2nd. Elected unanimously for the seat being vacated by Claire LeClair.

B. Gratitude

SN- Gratitude for our school.

JM- Gratitude for Claire's service to the board.

CL- Gratitude for Sarah Glaser

JP-Gratitude for the board, teachers, parents, Darrell Vincek,

PH -Gratitude for Ms. Silcox and her work as a classroom teacher and reading specialist.

AS-Gratitude for school district administration for the work they will need to do to prepare for next school year.

PD-Gratitude to the Winterberry families, faculty, staff, parents who have worked hard to get us through this last quarter.

MS-Gratitude for all of the work Claire has done over the years and to everyone for maintaining rituals and rhythm during this difficult time.

ES-Gratitude for Claire and all of the projects she has tackled.

DV-Gratitude for the resilience of the administrators, teachers, and families and to Claire LeClair and her professionalism.

SG-Gratitude for Claire as a class parent.

VII. Executive Session- Administrator Evaluation.

Jessie Menkens moved to go into executive session to discuss the evaluation of Principal Pepe-Phelps. Claire LeClair 2nd. The vote to move into executive session was unanimous.



Principal's Report for Winterberry Charter Council
5-21-20
Julie Pepe-Phelps

HEART

- Winterberry staff finishing up year; reports, zoom meetings
- Grade 8 graduation yesterday—went well on Zoom with well-celebrated, socially distanced box pick-up in the later afternoon. Darrell Vincek, Director of Charter Schools, joined us and took some great photos!
- Bidding farewell to Ms. Silcox as she retires this year (30+years of teaching!)
- Maestra Emily Baker got married on May 16th to Mike Routhier at Derby Cove in Seward!
- (Personal) My daughter (Winterberry graduate) Audrey graduated, Magna cum laude from Dimond High School!

HANDS

- Student item pick up went well. Ms. Colleen organized and managed it perfectly!

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- Teachers did a remarkable job creating offering for students for on line learning/enrichment experiences and checking in, ongoingly with all families.
- Celebrating Mr. Edwin for his tireless work organizing our school/moving the classrooms when it is usually done by the teachers.

HEAD

- New Grade 3 teacher hired for the fall—Tomas Jensen. He has been a Waldorf class teacher for the past 7 years at Anchorage Waldorf School. He is excited to meet and get to know our Winterberry community.
- Movement teacher hiring went well---waiting for OK by District to share candidates name!
- Climate Survey Results, we have had a preliminary look at the numbers and Ms. Colleen took a training last week on how to use the data to begin a discussion around what we are doing well and where we could grow.

Ways we will be using the data next year:

- Student government will pick a topic area for discussion and choose ways they feel they can empower our community.
- Ms. Colleen will bring the ways she learned about looking at the data to the faculty and if there are members open to working on areas of improvement as a staff we will make that happen.
- I will continue to look at the data and discuss the outcomes with the other Charter Principals to find commonalities and to use their successes as models for ways we can improve.
- We will pick target areas and share the themes and questions/answers in the newsletter so as to inform our community bit by bit allowing space and time for appreciative inquiry.

- Lottery numbers:

Children on the wait list

K=58

G1=60

G2=20

G3=14

G4=15

G6=0

G7=0

G8=0

Hybrid/new students (accepted a seat in March) and wait list (will possibly accept a seat in July)=14 students of different grades

Looking forward to beginning anew in the fall but ready to rise to the call of the current situation. I would like to close my report with the following poem:

Joy and woe are woven fine,
A clothing for the soul divine,
Under every grief and pine,
Runs a joy with silken twine.
It is right it should be so,
We are made for joy and woe,
And when this we rightly know,
Through the world we safely go.

~William Blake

May 2020 Budget Report (Shana Garrels)

- Closing down Accounts and School
 - For FY2019/20 under budget
 - All accounts to be closed by middle of June
 - Estimate to encumber FY20 \$72,000
 - Previous encumber funds
 - FY19 \$297,071
 - FY18 \$78,568
 - Mercurius next year supply order done
 - We utilized the max 20% discount again
 - All other supply orders are done begin of year