

# Meeting Minutes



<b>Meeting Title:</b>	WCC Meeting	<b>Date:</b>	8.20.20		
<b>President:</b>	Susannah Numme	<b>Location:</b>	Zoom		
<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Molly Towner	<b>Start:</b>	6:05pm	<b>End:</b>	7:11pm
<b>Attendees:</b> Julie Pepe-Phelps (principal), Molly Towner (recording secretary), Darrell Vincek, Alex Schutz, Peter Host, Marc Stover, Sue Armstrong, Susannah Numme (chair), Paula Dobbyn, Jessie Menkens					

**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 amended. Sue Armstrong 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously.

**III. Approval of Agenda:** Paula Dobbyn moved to approve the agenda. Marc Stover 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously.

**IV. Community Comments:** No comments

**V. Informational Reports**

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

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

**B. Faculty: (Molly Towner)**

Faculty has been working hard, meeting together in small groups, learning and practicing ways to film lessons and preparing for conferences next week.

**C. WPG Report (Jessie Menkens)**

There were lots of new parents at the last WPG meeting. There was conversation about teacher training. Through email, the guild agreed to fund document cameras for the teachers to support online learning. Deep appreciation to Ms. Pepe, faculty, and staff.

**D. Committee Reports**

**1. Administrative Committees (answers to principal)**

**a. Safety (Julie Pepe-Phelps)**

No report

**b. Outdoor play space (Julie Pepe-Phelps)**

The sod didn’t last through last school year, so Oona Martin is considering a new plan. Everything else in the yard looks beautiful.

**2. WCC subcommittee**

**a. Legislative Policy Committee (Jessie Menkens)**

Changes in representatives are expected after the election this year. Department budget process- now looking at allocation of resources. There is a budget deficit. What is being done to support the well-being of students through the legislative process? Everything needs to be considered in light of the pandemic. There are different circumstances in each district. The state is looking to local experts/governments to proceed as needed. When it comes to education policy at the legislative level, time will tell. The budget constraints and the level of funding for education is a

concern.

**b. Budget (Shana Garrels)**

Shana was not present, but her report is attached.

**c. Alliance for Public Waldorf Education**

Julie has been in communication with the administrators of the other Waldorf (and Waldorf-inspired) schools in Alaska. All of the public schools are using Earthschooling this year.

**d. Grant Committee**

The grant committee has not had a formal meeting.

**Gratitude:**

To Principal Pepe-Phelps for her guidance and diligence in working through these past couple of months

To the incredible staff who came together this past week to form a much clearer picture of what is to come.

To the parents who are having to step into another role this year.

To the board, for its support of Ms. Pepe and the school.

To the parents who reached out with questions and the strength of the community.

For the clear plan and being able to verbalize what it will look like.

For the communication.

For this school community, that has been part of our lives for many years.

To the WPG for the support and morale they bring to our school.

To Julie, Molly, and the rest of the faculty and staff who are holding the school together. The level of adaptation is incredible.

To the faculty for their flexibility.

**VI. Adjourn**

Paula Dobbyn moved to adjourn. Marc Stover 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimously approved.

### Principal's Report for WCC

8-20-20

Julie Pepe-Phelps

#### HEART

- All staff met outside (with masks) on our first day back to school together---it was so good to see everyone "in the flesh"!
- Winterberry Welcome video on Website today! Kindly put together by Mr. Lind.
- Teacher's welcome letter to classes by Friday Aug 21
- Individual meetings with teacher and families Aug. 24-28
- Our new teachers: Tomas Jensen (grade 3) and Jill Krueger (Movement) have been fully woven into our faculty already! They are great communicators and contribute to all that we do each day (which is A LOT!)
- Families are staying connected, teachers reaching out to each other---kind concern for one another in our Winterberry community. New families being welcomed individually!
- Dr. Bishop surprise us this morning with a visit and scones!

#### HANDS

- Faculty are currently working daily (all with Telework agreements in place), collectively and individually creating meaningful virtual content for students.
- Support staff/TA's are organizing storage sheds and supporting teachers in classroom organization
- Ms. Colleen busy with the latest lottery and new/returning student registration—several classes still "rolling".
- Ms. Shana is organizing all of the student materials that just arrived—distribution planned for Aug 27/28.
- Mr. Edwin continues to deep clean our building
- New phone system installed by District

#### HEAD

- Working with Winterberry Teachers and staff via daily Zoom meetings, distanced in-person conversations, phone, email...as we make important decisions for the coming school year.
- Our level collective knowledge of all things technical is rapidly rising!

Following is a verse by Rudolf Steiner that I have been reflecting on lately:

#### 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

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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.

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- FY20 Final numbers arrived from ASD Budget yesterday

- ○ ForFY2019/20underbudget Estimate to encumber FY20 \$72,000, actual \$87,773 Previous encumber funds
- FY19 \$297,071
- FY18 \$78,568 Total funds encumbered \$463,412 ○  
Mercuriusuppliesandbagsarrivedtobedistributedtoeachstudentbytheirteachers
- Cares Act Money ○ Winterberryreceived\$56,614 Based on adjusted ADM If student count lower then will receive less Using portion of funds for Waldorf virtual curriculum for teachers and students Using remaining funds for additional PPE and related items

	Adjusted ADM	Net Funding
Alaska Native	454.43	\$ 67,898
Aquarian	566.26	84,608
Eagle Academy	299.85	44,801
Highland Academy	310.96	46,462
Rilke Schule	689.83	103,070
STREAM	263.59	39,384
Winterberry	378.91	56,614
Family Partnership	623.97	93,230
Frontier	219.73	32,831
<b>Total Charter Allocation</b>	<b>3,807.52</b>	<b>\$ 568,898</b>

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- Student Count ○ Predicting

K- 22 students full

1<sup>st</sup> - 28 students, still rolling 2 seats

2<sup>nd</sup> - 28 students, still rolling 1 seat

3<sup>rd</sup> - 28 students, still rolling 1 seats

4<sup>th</sup> - 29 students but still rolling 1 seats

5<sup>th</sup> - 28 students full

6<sup>th</sup> - 22 students, no wait list

7<sup>th</sup> - 21 students, no wait list

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8<sup>th</sup> - 20 students, no wait list

Hybrid- 17 students, still have movement