

WINTERBERRY CHARTER SCHOOL
ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE dba WINTERBERRY CHARTER COUNCIL

Draft minutes

01/18/24

6 pm at Winterberry, Room TBD

**Attendance: Neil Brauer, Shana Garrels, Trevor Holm, Ruger Johnsen, Nick Perry,
Julie Pepe-Phelps, Becky Porter, Marc Stover, Molly Towner,**

I. Opening

A. Motto of the Social Ethic by Rudolf Steiner

*“The healing social life is found
when in the mirror of each human soul
the whole community finds its reflection
and when in the community
the virtue of each one is living.”*

B. Song

C. Excitement Sharing and Welcoming

II. Approval of Minutes –

**Trevor Holm moved to approve the minutes from October and December.
Neil Brauer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.**

III. Approval of Agenda

**Ruger Johnsen moved to approve the agenda. Shana Garrels seconded the
motion. The agenda was approved.**

IV. Community Comments [3 minutes each] *Please note: This is the public’s
time to talk and the board’s time to listen. Winterberry Charter Council does
not hear complaints against students or personnel in public session. It is not
the board’s practice to engage in discussion or to answer questions during
community comments. Commenters’ names will be recorded in the minutes.
Thank you.*

Neil Brauer gave a community comment.

V. Informational Reports

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

Report attached.

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

The upper grades will have fundraising opportunities at the Winter Faire.

C. WPG Report (Nick Perry)

The WPG will be requesting teacher training forms from the teachers in February. The auction may be moved to a different location because of a cancellation at the chosen venue. The Winter Faire is coming up.

D. Budget Report (Shana Garrels)

Nothing to report

E. Committee Reports

1. Administrative Committees [answers to principal]

a. Safety (Julie Pepe-Phelps)

The fire inspector did her follow up inspection and we passed. The fire gate is cleared of snow. The emergency lighting is Fixed. The extinguishers have been re-charged. We are hoping To get the snow hauled away. ASD is our contractor for snow removal.

2. WCC subcommittees

a. Legislative Policy Committee (Molly)

The rules committee is accepting testimony at 10am Saturday. SB 140 requests a \$300 raise in the BSA and takes away local control for approving charter schools. The Association of Alaska School Boards estimates that a raise of \$1413 is needed to keep up with inflation.

b. Grant Committee

We received a \$4000 grant for trees.

c. Alaska Reads Act Committee

Julie Pepe-Phelps, Nick Perry, and Chris Griffith are on the committee.

d. Outdoor Site Committee

e. Election Committee

a. Open Seats, present and expected - date of re-election in parenthesis.

A (faculty) open

B (faculty) Jennifer Fuller (2024)

C (Faculty/staff) Shana Garrels (2025)
D (parent) Neil Brauer (2024)
E (parent) open (2025)
F (parent) Trevor (2024)
G (parent) Marc (2025)
H (parent) Chris Griffith (2024)
I (WCC/WPG liaison) Nick Perry (2025)
J (parent) Ruger Johnson (2024)
K (parent) Becky Porter (2025)
L (community member) open
M (community member) open

b. Election Process, UPDATE

Becky Porter, Jennifer Fuller, and Jennifer Estes,, are planning the election. Bios and photos are needed for candidates (email to Shana).

c. Officers

Officers will be chosen at the February meeting

VI. Business

A. Policy and Procedure Review: 5 minutes reminder on item of choice

a. Discuss topic TBD (I will bring the bylaws and charter)

B. Principal Evaluations (Due March 1)

Marc Stover will get questions together to poll parents.

Molly Towner will put the teacher form in the teacher's mailboxes.

C. Gratitude

D. Adjournment:

Ruger Johnsen moved to adjourn the meeting. Nick Perry seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Principal's Report for WCC

1-18-24

Julie Pepe-Phelps

HEART

- Please read Winterberry Business newsletter each Thursday for highlights of each week and upcoming events. Great timely information and feature articles!
- Thank you for Thursday Faculty and staff meals!
- Working on 20th anniversary of Winterberry/Alumni gathering—if interested, please contact me. Sending out questionnaire to Alumni.

HANDS

- Outdoor Site Committee continues to meet on Wednesday's at 2pm
- Outdoor gear---every day. All students must be prepared for the weather, for outside recess and for Movement class.
- X-country skiing season has begun in the capable hands of Coaches Carl and Krystal!
- Need VOLUNTEERS for the upcoming promotional Charter school opportunities---if interested email me:
 - o Mon. Jan 22 at AK Native Heritage center 4-7pm School Choice
 - o Sat. Jan 27 at Loussac Library Community School Fair
 - o Sat. Feb 10 12-4pm Begich Middle school Alternative School Expo
- Lottery---Opens February 1st SPREAD THE WORD about our school!!
- Parent Workshops-Please consider sharing your talent

HEAD

- Welcome to Robert Coxson, our Eurythmy teacher for the month of January
 - o Sunday, January 28 1-2pm AWS (adult Eurythmy class)
- New semester of Faculty studies beginning soon UAA/PACE class
- Tutoring groups (except for Tier 3 mClass)- this year ONLY
- Winterberry Website is constantly being updated

- AK Reads update
- Waldorf Music teacher visit, training and family sing coming end of February
- FMLA leave
- Legislative happenings-getting involved
- Staffing- happening Feb/March