


Meeting Minutes	<b>Meeting Title:</b>	WCC Meeting	<b>Date:</b>	1.21.21		
	<b>President:</b>	Susannah Numme	<b>Location:</b>	Zoom 		
	<b>Minute Taker:</b>	Molly Towner	<b>Start:</b>	6:05pm	<b>End:</b>	8:00

**Attendees:** Julie Pepe-Phelps (principal), Molly Towner (recording secretary), Marc Stover, Sue Armstrong, Susannah Numme (chair), Jessie Menkens, Paula Dobbyn, Sarah Glaser, Shana Garrels, Alex Schutz,, Lisa Stratford, Heidi Jensen, Kelly Dufort, David Heimes, Alicia BeshBarber, Melissa Pike

**I. Opening**

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

**II. Approval of Minutes:** Paula Dobbyn moved to approve the minutes as amended. Sarah Glaser 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously.

**III. Approval of Agenda:** Jessie Menkens moved to approve the agenda. Sarah Glaser 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved unanimously.

**IV. Community Comments:**

- Alicia Besh Barber made a community comment.
- Heidi Jensen made a community comment.
- Kelly Dufort made a community comment.

**V. Informational Reports**

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

Attached

**B. Faculty: (Lisa Stratford)**

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is starting to think about graduation events and activities, including a virtual circus. We are happy to report that we will continue to have Mr. Lind 2 days a week.

Families are being polled by class teachers to find out how many families would consider sending their children back to in-person instruction.

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

In the last meeting, there was discussion related to...

- \* the outdoor spiral, which was enjoyed by many families. (Thanks to Ms Lisa and others who made that possible)
  - \* the importance of return to school survey – which determines what our counts are looking like.
  - \*the WCC subcommittee process. Meeting times are posted on the website. The next meeting is January 27 via zoom. They are open to the community for observation.
  - \*supply fees (not expected, but appreciated).
  - \*WCC service opportunities.
  - \*fundraising. There have been no formal decisions made about possible fundraisers.
- It was requested that Jessie bring back to the WPG the question of how parents could best support families in need.

**D. Committee Reports**

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

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

The safety team met recently. There was a fire inspection and there are several minor items on a to-do list. There is an ASD back-to-school plan (subject to change) on the asdk12 website, written by Principal Pepe-Phelps. Nurse Katrina is assisting teachers in receiving their CPR renewals.

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

The ice rink is coming together, thanks to the Armstrong family!

2. **WCC subcommittee**

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

The Alaska State Legislature came back into session 2 days ago. They are meeting in person in Juneau at this point in time. Members of the public will not be allowed in the building due to covid precautions. Visiting the LIO offices could still happen potentially depending on transmission rates. There has been a shift in leadership. Senator Geisel is no longer serving. The Republican majority/Democrat minority senate is organized and has set up their committee structure. A bill was introduced focused on early education. Changes are expected at the state level, since the inauguration of President Biden. President Biden has already signed an Executive Order that will provide financial support to schools to support safe, in-person learning.

b. **Budget (Shana Garrels)**

There may be more CARES Act funding coming to Winterberry, but details are not yet known. It is estimated that the funding will be 3 times as much as the original funding. Winterberry has \$34,000 left out of the original \$53,000.

c. **Grant Committee (Alex Schutz)**

No updates

d. **Election Committee (Susannah Numme)**

Susannah and Lisa have put a call out for candidates, and have received some interest. Traditionally, there has been a past chair, current chair, and future chair. Alex Schutz would like to be appointed for the current chair position.

VI. **Business**

A: **School Re-opening Committee follow-up**

The committee has met twice and is gathering input from the community. The next meeting is January 27. It is open to the public for observation.

Topics under consideration by the committee:

What metrics/benchmarks should be used to determine whether or not to return to in-person instruction?

Should a cohort model be used? What would that look like? How would teachers provide both in-person  
And virtual instruction?

Should re-entry be staggered or include the whole school at the same time?

No motions were introduced.

### Gratitude:

- \*for the WCC board and WCC subcommittee
- \*for Principal Pepe-Phelps
- \*for the community
- \*for open sharing of ideas of feelings
- \*for staff and parents
- \*for the way our community comes together, with heart, during difficult times
- \*for public meetings and shared decisions
- \*for courage (“You can’t stay neutral on a moving train.”)
- \*for open communication

### **VII. Adjourn**

Sarah Glaser moved to adjourn. Sue Armstrong 2<sup>nd</sup>. Unanimously approved.



Principal's Report for WCC 1-21-2021

Julie Pepe-Phelps

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### HEART

- Thank you to all the families who have been answering the surveys and questionnaires that teacher and I have been sending out. Information is a powerful tool for decision making.
- Grateful to all of the families who have reached out to me to express their opinions, ideas and thoughts as we move through this unprecedented time.

### HANDS

- Material pick up continues during the weeks
- Good response on the "Returning Students" Questionnaire that was sent out—may be a new way to survey families in the future versus paper method
- Working with building owner to streamline responsibilities with regard to the building

### HEAD

- Quarter 2 reports have been distributed to families
- Working with WCC committee on Back to school plan
- On-going work to plan for "critical needs" program---dealing with sub shortage

“The heart of the Waldorf method is that education is an art---it must speak to the child's experience. To educate the whole child, their heart and their will must be reached, as well as their mind.”

-- **Rudolf Steiner**