

WINTERBERRY CHARTER SCHOOL  
ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE dba WINTERBERRY CHARTER COUNCIL

**Minutes**

11/17/22

6 pm at Winterberry, Handwork room

Attendance:

Peter Host, Julie Pepe-Phelps, Shana Garrels, Jennifer Fuller, Chris Griffith, Neil Brauer, Nick Perry

**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**

**Chris Griffith moved to approve the minutes, Jennifer Fuller 2<sup>nd</sup>. The minutes were approved.**

**III. Approval of Agenda**

**Shana requested the addition of budget approval to the agenda.**

**Chris Griffith moved to approve the agenda as amended, Nick Perry 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.*

**No community comments.**

## V. Informational Reports

- A. Administrator's Report (Julie Pepe-Phelps)  
**Principal Pepe-Phelps gave the administrator's report (attached).**
- B. Faculty Report  
**No report.**
- C. WPG Report (synopsis from Kelly DuFort)

### WPG Nov. Meeting Synopsis

- Lantern Walk: 6:30-7:30 pm, Friday, Nov.18. Classes need parent participation. There are [plenty of ways to be part of the magic](#) beginning with set up starting at 4 pm and clean up starting at 8 pm. Help light hundreds of luminaries, greet and usher families, be part of a singing archway, snuff candles, collect luminaries into the quiet night.
- THANK YOU GARDENers: Winterberry reached 78% schoolwide participation and contributed \$21,788! That's a record amount. And three groups rallied for 100% participation within Grade 7, WPG, and WCC. Providing funds for Waldorf certification and professional development has been a guiding, core value of our school since Winterberry's inception in 2005. GARDEN has galvanized parents, developed our dedicated teachers and fortified our classrooms – all with the aim of showing our children that their teachers and school value them tremendously. Our professionally trained, Waldorf-inspired teachers communicate daily to each child that Winterberry makes room for you to grow at your own pace, to feed your wonder, stoke your innate love of learning and uncover your wisdom inherent within. Donors, your contribution\$ ensure Winterberry continues to grow great teachers for our children. Deep gratitude from WPG.
- Beautiful Bazaar: Thank you to the many volunteers who set up, staffed the school store, supported vendors with snacks, moved furniture, cleaned up and also to the fabulous Winterberry artists who sold beautiful handmade creations. WPG's second Beautiful Bazaar was well-supported by our school and enjoyed a steady flow of shoppers. This is a delightfully new-ish event, so [feedback welcome](#).
- Handwork and Hang: Wednesdays 8:30-10 am in the lobby. Gather to learn and practice handwork skills, ogle wooly projects, and spend time enjoying the warm company of Winterberry parents.
- Substitutes: Our school needs good suuubs. Are there any caring parents interested in stepping forward to fill this role? Please speak with [Julie Pepe-Phelps](#) or [Colleen Morris](#) to learn more.

- D. Budget Report (Shana Garrels)

**Nick Perry motioned to approve the budget. Chris Griffith 2<sup>nd</sup>. The budget was approved unanimously.**

- E. Committee Reports
  - 1. Administrative Committees [answers to principal]
    - a. Safety  
**No report**
    - b. Outdoor Play Space  
**No report**
  - 2. WCC subcommittees
    - a. Legislative Policy  
**No report**
    - b. Grant Committee  
**No report**

**VI. Business**

- A. 3 Body (+1) Meeting
  - a. Describe meeting and overall goals from the 3 body meeting (WPG, WCC, WFC, and Principle)
  - b. We would like to take 10 minutes to discuss the following concepts and find commonalities. Ideas like - What enticed you bring your child to WB? What do you celebrate about WB? Other?
- B. Gratitude
- C. Adjournment:

**Chris Griffith motioned to adjourn. Nick Perry 2<sup>nd</sup>. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.**

11-17-22

Julie Pepe-Phelps

Winterberry's Mission: Growing the innate potential of each child. Winterberry's Vision: To receive the children in reverence, educate them in love and send them forth in freedom.

#### HEART

- Please read Winterberry Business newsletter each Thursday for highlights of each week and upcoming events.
- On-going School Tours-continue to spread the word about our wonderful school!
- "Handwork and Hang" informal parent handwork get together on Tuesday mornings in lobby
- Food drive and Giving Tree for our Winterberry Community—request and details in Thursday "Winterberry Business" newsletter

#### HANDS

- X-Country running season was a great success! Lots of participation and fun!

Next up: Cross-country skiing!

- Substitutes needed-looking for interested parents
- Outdoor Site committee-working on phased plan for play yard development have met with faculty for two meetings to gain insight and input (see map).
- Safety committee: "We drive 5" reminders in community newsletter, "bike rider and walker safety and community awareness to wear reflective gear and watch out for each other, meeting with MOA traffic to tour our site and to request assistance (signage, crosswalks across Wesleyan, school zone lights). Drills next week: Fire and A.L.I.C.E.

#### HEAD

- Lantern Walk tomorrow, Friday, 11/18/22 starting at 6:30pm at Winterberry (please have students at school between 6 and 6:15pm with parents/guardians). DRESS VERY WARMLY!! Preparations have been underway--lantern making, learning & practicing songs
- Outdoor gear requirement---we have asked families to please request assistance if needed, have a good supply of "borrow gear" on hand. Helmets required to sled on hill.
- Bal-A-Vis-X Faculty and staff training today, with on-going support from Winterberry OT and BAVX trainer McKenzie Holm.
- Winter Assembly: Thursday, December 8 at 6:30pm

To fan the spark of thinking into flame by my own strong endeavor, To read life's inner meaning out of my spirit's fount of strength: This is my summer heritage, my autumn solace, and my winter hope ~Rudolf Steiner

