

Meeting Minutes	Meeting Title:	WCC Meeting	Date:	2.18.21		
	President:	Susannah Numme	Location:	Zoom 		
	Minute Taker:	Molly Towner	Start:	6:05pm	End:	8:05pm

Attendees: Julie Pepe-Phelps (principal), Molly Towner (recording secretary), Susannah Numme (current chair), Lisa Stratford, Sarah Glaser, Corrie Bennett, Jeremy Crawford, Nick Perry, Carissa Guernsey, Becca Bernard, Brunhild Benner, Paula Dobbyn, Sue Armstrong, Alex Schutz, Kevin Worrell, Kir Moore, Jessie Menkens, Kristi Brown, Shana Garrels (business manager), Corrie Bennett, Meggan Judge (past chair), Aaron Martin, Marc Stover, Kylara Hollingsworth, Peter Host

I. Opening

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

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

III. Approval of Agenda: Susannah Numme requested the addition of Business item B. Appointment of Alex Schutz to the position of WCC current chair. Paula Dobbyn moved to approve the agenda. Jessie Menkens 2nd. Approved unanimously.

IV. Community Comments:

- Brunhild Benner made a community comment.
- Aaron Martin made a community comment.
- Kristi Brown made a community comment.
- Nick Perry made a community comment.
- Becca Bernard made a community comment.

V. Informational Reports

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

Attached

B. Faculty: (Lisa Stratford)

The outdoor offerings have been a very positive experience for the faculty and students alike. The faculty appreciated and enjoyed meeting with parents during last week's conferences.

C. WPG Report (Jessie Menkens)

WPG had a very well attended meeting earlier this month.

There was discussion related to...

- *The WCC committee process.
- *the budget, which is in good shape.
- *School safety plan, which is online.
- *Upcoming WCC elections
- *Circus preparation work (8th grade)

D. Committee Reports**1. Administrative Committees (answers to principal)****a. Safety (Julie Pepe-Phelps)**

There was a fire inspection Jan 15. Everything that needed to be corrected has been corrected, with the exception of repair of our emergency lighting. An extension was granted and bids are being gathered. .

The committee consists of Julie, Shana, Colleen, and nurse Katrina. They would gladly include a teacher and student in the future.

We have emergency analog phones.

We had a CPR testing session for staff.

There will be fire and earthquake drills soon.

HVAC filters have been replaced and all air seals are completed to make the system as efficient as possible.

b. Outdoor play space (Julie Pepe-Phelps)

An agricultural grant has been applied for (more detail in the grant committee report)

2. WCC subcommittee**a. Legislative Policy Committee (Jessie Menkens)**

Madam Speaker Stutes was just elected and is presiding over the house .Committee meetings will start next week. Many bills were verbally introduced earlier today and have been dispersed to committee. There are some pieces of legislature in both bodies speaking to the social and emotional well-being of students and supporting districts with same. House bill 67 requests special funding in response to needs that have arisen due to Covid. The Public Community Health emergency declaration order lapsed on Monday. Some urged the governor to extend it, but it did not happen. The senate subcommittee meeting tomorrow at 7am will be looking at reports describing potential ramifications of the lapse of the emergency declaration order.

b. Budget (Shana Garrels)

Attached

c. Grant Committee (Alex Schutz)

Several have committed their skills to the grant writing trying to apply for \$30,000 in state funding for gardens in the NE corner of the lot. The grant is for \$10,000/year for 3 years for the creation of an apple orchard and perennial berry patches.

d. Election Committee (Susannah Numme)

Several people are up for re-election. Susannah wanted to make sure that she is eligible to be on the election committee-as someone who is up for re-election (but is not seeking re-election).

They need to find a community member to join the committee. Eric Judge volunteered to serve as the community member.

She will get in touch with members individually to find out if they want to be considered for re-election.

VI. Business**A: School Re-opening Committee follow-up (Jessie Menkens, Nick Perry, Jeremy Crawford, Paula Dobbyn, Julie Pepe-Phelps)**

The WCC Back to School Committee recommends that the WCC authorize Principal Pepe-Phelps to pursue a return to school plan following a cohort model, with classes divided into two groups, with details to be determined by the Principal, and dependent on staffing levels. Winterberry will follow ASD's protocol for health and safety measures and will adhere to Winterberry's safety plan. Specialty Teachers would continue to teach virtually.

Peter Host moved to authorize Principal Pepe-Phelps to follow the recommendations for a return to in-person learning in cohorts on March 22 as recommended by the special committee. Paula Dobbyn 2nd. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

B. Appointment of Alex Schutz to the position of current chair

Jessie Menkens moved to appoint Alex Schutz as the incoming WCC chair. Peter Host 2nd. Approved unanimously.

Gratitude:

- * for Susannah's service on the board.
- * for the community members who attend meetings and the charter council members who have been navigating this difficult time.
- *for Alex and his willingness to serve.
- *for Julie and the teachers, who show up and do their best.
- *for the WPG for showing up and serving the community
- *for Oona for taking the lead on the apple orchard grant.
- *for our whole community
- *for the committee who spent hours on the proposal.
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VII. Adjourn

Meggan Judge moved to adjourn. Lisa Stratford 2nd. Unanimously approved.

VIII.



Principal's Report for WCC 2-18-2021
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

- 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.
 - Celebrating our Student Support Program and our Outdoor Offering that begin at the beginning of the month. It has been heartwarming to see our students in our building and play yard again!
 - Mr. Edwin received his 15 year pin with ASD!
 - Spring Break is March 8-12
 - Beautiful song from Nurse Katrina's training that our staff is learning: "To the Hills"
- https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/19VhuuSjHvctbIo4a8rXi-IYZqCnE_ux8

HANDS

- Material pick up continues during the weeks
- Working with building owner to streamline responsibilities with regard to the facility
- Air filters recently changed in HVAC system

HEAD

- Quarter 3 is underway
- Parent Teacher conferences went well—high attendance and great conversations.
- Enjoyed working with WCC committee on Back to school plan—very productive time
- Hired 5 substitute teachers to staff Student Support Program and help teacher with outdoor offering (nature walk chaperoning)
- Please review Winterberry Charter School Site Plan for back in school: (updated ongoingly) <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vseCJC9yASzkdRimStwGSEPCiSZv7jXjWptPTBGKDvI/edit#>

"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



February 2021 Budget Report

- ESSER I (Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief) Funds
 - First round of Cares Act Funds
 - Remaining \$35,489 of the \$56,614 allocated
- ESSER II (Elementary and Secondary Emergency Relief) Funds
 - Second round of Cares Act Funds
 - Received \$273,954
 - Must be used by September 2023
- Allowable Cares fund expenses
 - Additional staffing for student support
 - Staffing a counselor for student mental health support
 - Student summer program and staffing
 - Outdoor tents or canopies and heaters
 - No structures
 - Pantry packs for students in need
 - Additional computers/computer carts
 - PPE, items that would increase air quality
 - Items not on the list may need approval from the state

