

WINTERBERRY CHARTER SCHOOL
ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE dba WINTERBERRY CHARTER COUNCIL

Minutes

3/09/23

6 pm at Winterberry, Room TBD

Attendance: Neil Brauer, Shana Garrels, Christopher Griffith, Ruger Johnson, Margaret Mackie, Nick Perry, Julie Pepe-Phelps, 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

Neil Brauer moved to approve the minutes/Margaret Mackie 2nd. The minutes were approved.

III. Approval of Agenda

**Ruger Johnson moved to change the date of the principal evaluation to April 20.
Nick Perry moved to approve the agenda as amended. Neil Brauer 2nd. The agenda was approved as amended.**

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 made a community comment.

Ruger Johnson made a community comment.

V. Informational Reports

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

Attached below

B. Faculty Report

Ski day was a fun day for all. Teachers will be working on 3rd quarter reports on the grading day. Classes (and the faculty) are working on projects for the auction. There are 40 pieces of Winterberry student artwork on display at the Anchorage museum.

C. WPG Report

It was decided that auction funds will go towards the play yard this year.

Teacher training requests were all approved.

D. Budget Report (Shana Garrels)

Shana presented a budget update, showing that Winterberry is on budget.

E. Committee Reports

1. Administrative Committees [answers to principal]

a. Safety

A report was given by Principal Pepe-Phelps.

b. Outdoor Play Space

As stated in the WPG report, the funds from the auction will go towards phase 1 of the play yard improvement.

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 on 3/25/23

i. Comments and questions

B. Policy and Procedure Review: 5 – 10 minutes reminder on item of choice

This will happen at the next meeting.

C. Annual Charter School Principal Evaluation (removed from the agenda).

a. Break into Executive Session to review teacher's principal evaluations

D. Gratitude

E. Adjournment:

Principal's Report for WCC

3-9-23

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 Wednesday mornings in lobby
- Beginning to work on **20th anniversary of Winterberry/Alumni gathering**—if interested, please contact me

HANDS

- **Woodworking program** launching again after Spring break with Marya Pillifant
- **X-Country Ski Team** had a great season
- **Ski/Walk day** was today—very fun!
- **Outdoor site Committee** meeting each Monday at 2pm---ASD Dev. & Grants Office eager to assist!
- **Auction projects** beginning to develop. WPG voted that all 2023 Auction proceeds going to Play Yard improvements.

HEAD

- **Three-body meeting changed to Saturday, March 25th** SAVE THE DATE, committee work in progress!
- **Parent Education Workshop Committee**
- **Lottery ending soon (April 6)**---good number of applicants so far!
- **AK STAR testing Gr. 3-8** starts March 27

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