

WINTERBERRY CHARTER SCHOOL
ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE dba WINTERBERRY CHARTER COUNCIL

Minutes

5/11/23

6 pm at Winterberry, Handwork room

Attendance: Neil Brauer, Jennifer Fuller, Jonny Fuller, Shana Garrels, Trevor Holm, Ruger Johnson, Nick Perry, Julie Pepe-Phelps, Marc Strover

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

Minutes from April will be approved next month.

III. Approval of Agenda

Nick Perry moved to approve the agenda. Neil Brauer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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 comments.

V. Informational Reports

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

Principal Pepe-Phelps gave the Administrator’s report. Attached.

B. Faculty Report

Jennifer Fuller gave the faculty report.

C. WPG Report

Nick Perry gave the WPG report.

D. Budget Report (Shana Garrels)

No report.

E. Committee Reports

1. Administrative Committees [answers to principal]

a. Safety

STAR presentations on body safety will be happening soon in each classroom.

b. Outdoor Play Space

The committee meets each Monday at 2pm in the conference room.

a. Funding and Account Discussion

b. Approval of Funding

2. WCC subcommittees

a. Legislative Policy

b. Grant Committee

VI. Business

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

a. ASD and School Testing Requirements / Waldorf Philosophy

Principal Pepe-Phelps gave an overview of her training.

B. Alaska Reads Act

The group discussed the Alaska Reads Act.

C. 2023 Close Out and discussion

D. Gratitude

E. Adjournment:

Nick Perry moved to adjourn the meeting. Shana Garrels seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Principal's Report for WCC
5-11-23
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.
- Thank you to families for Teacher Appreciation Week meals for the whole week!
- On-going School Tours-continue to spread the word about our wonderful school!
- Beginning to work on 20th anniversary of Winterberry/Alumni gathering—if interested, please contact me
- New Family Welcome was on Tuesday 4-25. We welcomed 27 new families! Would anyone like to be an ambassador for a new family? If so, contact Ms. Pepe-Phelps

HANDS

- Woodworking program with Marya Pillifant (founder and former WB parent)
- Outdoor Site Committee meeting each Monday at 2pm at school and on Zoom
- Request for "All hands on deck" for parents to help with classroom move-out on 5-24! There are also other "deep cleaning" jobs around the school—if interested in helping, contact Ms. Pepe-Phelps
- For the many hands that put our wonderful HHH Auction together this year—all profits were dedicated to our Play Yard project.

HEAD

- Attended an Alaska Reads Act training through the District today—lots of information to share with the board tonight.
- Attended new required K-3 assessment probe training "mClass" (formally Fastbridge, formally Aimsweb) will also share with board tonight.

- Parent Education Workshop Committee-first workshop "Camping with Kids" next one is "Nature Journaling" (has been postponed until the fall).
- Grade 5 Pentathlon-May 11/12 hosted by Birchtree
- Mayfest Thurs. 5-18 10-12pm
- Grade 8 Just returned from a wonderful trip together in Hawaii and will have Gr. 8 Graduation 5-22 11 am