

WINTERBERRY CHARTER SCHOOL
ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE dba WINTERBERRY CHARTER COUNCIL

Minutes

09/15/22

6 pm at Winterberry, Room TBD

Attendance: Nick Brauer, Jennifer Fuller, Jonny Fuller, Shana Garrels, Peter Host, 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

Nick Perry moved to approve the August minutes. Jennifer Fuller 2nd. The minutes were approved.

III. Approval of Agenda

Shana Garrels moved to approve the agenda. Neil Brauer 2nd. 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.*

Jonny Fuller gave a community comment.

V. Informational Reports

- A. Administrator’s Report (Julie Pepe-Phelps)
See below
- B. Faculty Report

The school year is off to a great start. Gratitude in returning to the joyful life of our school. Lots of field trips (5th grade to Twin Peaks, 7th grade camping in Eklutna, 6th grade to the back of Flattop). Working on Festival of Courage and Open House.

C. WPG Report (TBD)

GARDEN annual giving campaign- is looking for a new coordinator.

100% participation, even at a small dollar amount, is very important.

Events such as Enchanted Village, Beautiful Bazaar, Winter Faire, HHH Auction are being discussed.

There is a possibility for a matching grant of \$2000 for the ski team, if the ski team is able to fundraise \$2000.

Nick's election, as WPG/WCC liaison, will be held at the next WPG election.

D. Budget Report (Shana Garrels)

No rollover funds (but not in the negative)

Esser 1 grant = balance 0

Esser 2 grant = \$88,427.00 (being used for extra subs and tutors)

Esser 3 grant = \$613,939.00 (untouched so far) (available until FY24)

E. Committee Reports

1. Administrative Committees [answers to principal]

a. Safety

Safety update in the latest newsletter-

"We drive 5." (in the parking lot)

No cell phone use in the parking lot (\$500 fine in moving vehicle if the driver is on their cell phone).

b. Outdoor Playspace

At the recent meeting with the committee, mud was discussed-removal of soil, adding of drainage. Written plans were reviewed.

Next phases of play yard were discussed.

2. WCC subcommittees

a. Legislative Policy

No report

b. Grant Committee (Peter)

Shana, Julie, Chris, Peter, and Leann met with the Anchorage Community Foundation to discuss grant opportunities to be used for the play yard. Jessie Levoie was there from the ACF. A grant is being pursued to pay for artist in residence programs for a eurythmist and puppeteer. One grant to consider in the future may be a "strengthening organizations" grant to pay for nonprofit training thorough the Foraker Group.

c. Elections Committee Board Roster and Openings (do we need a school wide election?)

The next election period will be in February. Open seats can be filled in the meantime. There are 4 parent seats and 1 parent/community seat.

Nick Perry moved to correct the list in the agenda to show that Neil Brauer is in seat D; Chris Griffith in seat H. Margaret Mackie 2nd.

i. Voting / Recruitment

- a. Margaret Mackie
- b. Jennifer Fuller
- c. Shana Garrels
- d. Neil Brauer
- e. Open
- f. Peter Host
- g. Marc Stover
- h. Chris Griffith
- i. Nick Perry
- j. Open
- k. Open
- l. Open
- m. Open

VI. Business

A. Growing the WCC (Just a check-in)

The WCC faculty reps will bring a request to faculty to consider parents that would be great WCC members.

Margaret moved to elect Ruger Johnson to seat J. Jennifer Fuller 2nd. Ruger Johnson was elected to seat J.

B. 3 Body Meeting-WPG/WFC/WCC and any parents are invited. Having a facilitator is helpful. Julie will reach out to possible facilitators.

a. Establish time and date for meeting-Peter will create a doodle poll.

b. Create a strategic plan to increase diversity and access to WCS (part of 3-body meeting)

C. Monthly Leadership Meetings (WCC rep, WPG rep, WFC chair, Principal)

Julie will contact WPG and WCC leaders to find a date/time for a meeting.

D. APC Open Meeting Act (what this is about)

a. Thus, Sept. 29 6-8pm Zoom Meeting

E. Gratitude

*for new member Rugar Johnson

*to be joining WCC at a time of building

*to be teaching at Winterberry

*for this model of education

*to be able to share our school

*to watch our children grow and succeed at Winterberry.

F. Adjournment:

Chris Griffith moved to adjourn. Nick Perry 2nd. Meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

Principal's Report for WCC

9-15-22

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!
- **Thank you to Parents** who provide a delicious meal on Thursdays for Faculty and Staff
- **WPG hosted Back-to-School potluck** was a great success! Biggest gathering circle EVER!!

HANDS

- **Play yard projects:** Sandbox and outdoor storage projects completed! Thank you to that work party! Volunteers needed to weed and spiff up grounds work party 9/18 . Mud issue remedy project in process.
- **Volunteers welcome and needed!** Please fill out volunteer form (See newsletter) and/or speak to your class teacher or Ms. Colleen with any questions! Many hands make light work.

HEAD

- **Winterberry has been bustling** with all of our students, teachers and parents. Everyone is happy to be back together!

- Welcome to our two new **WCC faculty representatives** are Ms. Mackie and Ms. Fuller.
- **Picture day** was 9/2 and went well.
- **MAP and Fastbridge testing** wrapped up last week. This is a district requirement.
- Met with **Anchorage Community Foundation** to discuss options for fundraising.

“Where is the book in which the teacher can read about what teaching is? The children themselves are this book. We should not learn to teach out of any book other than the one lying open before us and consisting of the children themselves.”
— Rudolf Steiner