



# Sunrise Waldorf School

# PA

## 2 Feb 2022

**2 February 2022 / 16:00-18:00 / Zoom Meeting**

### ATTENDEES

Name	Name
Stephanie Sayers	
Katie Huston	
Cara Bjornson	
Andrew Sawyer	
Leah Winders	
Andrea Larsen	
Sheila Badman	
Vanessa Vogwill	
Hazel Whitehead	
Amanda Knapp	
Diana Sharpe	
Angela Wang	
Stephanie Anhorn	
Alexis More	
Katherine Lampson	

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# AGENDA

## Welcome

## Opening Of Meeting

“Our school stands on the ancestral and unceded territory of the Hul’q’umi’num (Hul-ka-MEE-num) peoples of the Quw’utsun (Kow-WUT-sun) (Cowichan) Valley. This traditional territory is shared by the Halalt (Ha-lalt), Stz’uminus (Tz-MAY-nus / Sh-MAY-nus), Hwlitsum, Ts’uubaa-asatx (Tsoo-bah-seht), Lyackson (Lay-ik-sen), Penelakut (Pen-EL-ah-kut) and Quw’utsun (Kow-WUT-sun) First Nations whose continued stewardship of this sacred land we honour today. We acknowledge with gratitude and respect all the ancestors of this land where we are very fortunate to live and work.”

## Housekeeping

- Chat box reminder to be on topic of what we are on.
- If we were all in the same room together there would be no sidebar conversations
  - This happens in chat sometimes
- Remember to use the “Raise your hand” feature for reactions
  - Click raised hand
  - Puts a hand up on your gallery view
  - Encourage to use this feature instead of chat
  - Can see who wants to talk

## Call to Order:

### I. Motions (5 mins)

1. Motion to adopt agenda February 2, 2022
  - a. Mover: Angela    Second: Sheila    **Carried**
2. Approval of minutes from meeting January 12, 2022
  - a. Mover: Katie    Second: Seila    **Carried**
3. Approval of minutes from meeting January 26, 2022
  - a. Mover: Amanda    Second: Katie    **Carried**

### II. Opening Shares (30 mins)

Following the format of the last meeting, holding the space for all voices to be heard and listening with an open heart.

What is most important to you in a school community? What do you value most in our school community?

1.
  - a. Values how kind people are in SWS community
  - b. Connection and kindness that people share
  - c. Draws people together
  - d. Classrooms are closer when families are closer
    - i. Trickle down kindness
2.
  - a. New to all of this
    - i. New board member
  - b. Emphasis on community
  - c. Creativity Emphasis
  - d. Society is the key to helping society vs zero sum for me to win you have to lose.
3.
  - a. Most important is faculty and board and staff and parents we are all kinder to each other and respect each other and trust each other
  - b. That is most important
4.
  - a. So many things
    - i. I love our Grade 8 students
    - ii. Its alot of why I stayed this entire journey
    - iii. A story of a child that was met who was 13 when her children were in grades 1 & 2.
    - iv. Lovely person chatting with all the adults
    - v. Held this moment in heart for so long
    - vi. The opportunity to meet some of the young people in grade 8
    - vii. Convinced that they are different people as compared to not having the Waldorf experience.
5.
  - a. Fellow parents
  - b. What I wanted and was searching for for a long time
  - c. I love that I can and want to talk more and more about parenting wins and challenges
  - d. Being among a community of people that different ideas and similar ones with parenting
  - e. Outgrowing some of the models that were parented to me
  - f. This is how we evolve as a people as we try to be better and do better
  - g. Parenting groups in the past did stearn things and I'm not doing things that way.
  - h. Open hearted safe calm space
  - i. Heart presence seems to have all the answers.
  - j. Faculty is awesome but I love the parents
6.
  - a. Connections with parents is important
  - b. Another experience with a Grade 8
    - i. Youth center experience
    - ii. Waldorf kids were always the coolest
    - iii. Something was rights bout those kids education
  - c. The teachers are great with communication
7.
  - a. The feeling of this is the right place for us was overwhelming when first arriving
  - b. So many reasons for loving it

- c. A striving to grow as human beings from faculty to parents
  - d. A shared thing among the parents of wanting to be better in the development of our children to be amazing people.
  - e. The amazing and beautiful parents of Waldorf.
- 8.
- a. Was thinking recently about Ms Mima and each year and starting there
  - b. Gave this impression of being felt to be special and seen.
  - c. Ms Mima can see the same potential and amazing thing in each child as the parent does
  - d. To be felt so welcomed and secure at the school.
  - e. No judgment, only welcome and warmth.
- 9.
- For me the 100% is the people
- a. From the children to faculty to parents building connection
  - b. Ok to be yourself
  - c. Not cliquey
  - d. Public school always felt intimidating with all of its little groups
    - i. Felt very much of an outsider
  - e. Does not feel like that at SWS
  - f. The Kindergarten is wonderful
    - i. Songs
    - ii. Stories
  - g. Wonderful experiences
- 10.
- Might go off topic about community
- i. Why we ended up here
    - 1. For our now 23 year old we did Montessorri
    - 2. Public did not meet needs
    - 3. Didn't know options and first step and option was montessorri
  - ii. Kept searching for a different option and finally found Waldorf.
  - iii. Sometime in 20's became interested in natural everything
    - 1. Fabrics
    - 2. Food
    - 3. Esthetics
  - iv. School Community
    - 1. We all should be involved
    - 2. Don't just drop off at the door and come pickup
    - 3. What makes a community is that we are all involved.
    - 4. Parents, grandparents, children so special
    - 5. Nowadays sense of community seems to be lost
      - a. Waldorf school really helps with that.
    - 6. We try very hard to help each other and grow with the best we can in this funny culture
- 11.
- a. Community
    - i. Parents in odd times
  - b. Grateful for like minded parents to connect with
  - c. Going to school and seeing people at drop off and pickup is social life.
  - d. Not sure how things would be in these times without this community
  - e. We see our children as a whole being as opposed to an academic member.
  - f. Learned so much from the early childhood programs

1. Really informed me as a parent,
- 12.
- a. Echo everything that is said
  - b. What drew me to Waldorf specifically was
    - i. Involvement of parents
    - ii. Public school felt like a bit more like daycare
      1. Didn't seem to have the same opportunities for parent involvement
    - iii. I want to feel like my voice as a parent matters in my child's education
      1. Waldorf feels that way to me
      2. Teachers faculty board all make this community
      3. This is not a top down community
      4. This is utmost importance at this time
      5. I want to be involved in the creation of the magic triangle.
- 13.
- a. New to the journey of being from the parents' side.
  - b. In sept little one starting preschool
  - c. Focused on kids for so long
  - d. We are all focused on the students which is #1 for Alexis
  - e. What their experience is through working together
    1. Parents
    2. Teachers
    3. Admin

### III. Reports & Updates (30 mins)

1. Development - Sheila, Mindy, Jacqueline
  - a. 9 orders for hoodies 16 left
  - b. Message to Georgia for budget for unicycles
  - c. Hoping there is still money for orange shirts
    - i. Need to consider having extra sizes in each grade for new entries each year
    - ii. Katheine will have an idea of how many each year will be required
  - d. Gaming grant should, be able to pay for everything
    - i. Gets complicated for reporting
    - ii. Might have to defer to next year and spend as one lump sum
  - e. Shelia to send documents from BC Gaming to Stephanie for review
  - f. Rhythm sticks brought up Amanda Knapp
    - i. Alexis confirms that school has them
    - ii. Willing to teach a workshop to children
    - iii. Sheila can show how to make the Rhythm sticks as a workshop day.
  - g. All of us crayons
    - i. Set of crayons in diverse skin tones
    - ii. Feel that school should have that also
    - iii. For some parents that have non white children they feel that skin colors are important to be able to color.
    - iv. Sheila reminds that it should come out of school classroom budgets
2. Parent Enrichment - Angela

- a. Happy Chinese New Year
    - i. Year of the Tiger
    - ii. Decorations for the school
  - b. Hoping this year we can do lectures online
    - i. Professional lectures about waldorf education
    - ii. Professional lectures about anthroposophy
    - iii. To be able to support the home through waldorf education for parents
    - iv. This can attract and attain parents through commitment and belonging
  - c. Plan is to have 4 lectures
    - i. Feb
      - 1. Ms Polly \$300 requested stipend
        - a. 1 hour lecture 8PM
          - i. 30 min lecture
          - ii. 10 min break
          - iii. 20 Q+A
        - b. Thoughts of asking for a 3 part series
        - c. Very expensive
        - d. Why set a precedent of paying this much money?
        - e. More time requested for the money
          - i. Extension to 1.5 hours
        - f. \$150 has been approved by PA
          - i. Rest of funds will come from donations
          - ii. Angela will reach out to Miss Polly again regarding flexibility in her fee.
    - ii. March
      - 1. Lisa Hitch
    - iii. April
      - 1. ??
    - iv. May
      - 1. ??
  - d. This months lecture is approved by:
    - i. Rachel Cameron approves
    - ii. Katherine has drafted newsletter and it was approved by Linda
  - e. Faculty has to approve also of speakers
3. Garden - Jasmine
  - a. Not in attendance
4. SES Board Report - Andrea, Diana
  - a. Has not been an open board meeting since last PA meeting
5. Faculty Update - Alexis
  - a. No full faculty meeting since last meeting
  - b. Revitalizing child study which model will be using
  - c. Lots of candle work this week
    - i. Grade 7 & 2 together
    - ii. 1 & 4 working together on something
  - d. Enjoying decorations that were put up for lunar new year
  - e. Bringing music to classes in strings

- f. Announcement coming out
    - i. We have hired a new handwork teacher
      - 1. Very excited
        - a. Left meeting thinking "I want to learn from her"
        - b. Started on Monday
        - c. In classes every day
        - d. Ms Liev Lundh
        - e. Update to follow in newsletter
        - f. New teacher is loving the school
    - ii. Faculty snacks have not been happening since returning to school - we are not able to continue with them as we have usually done.
      - 1. So appreciated
      - 2. Reality is we are meeting on zoom
      - 3. Cannot be in the kitchen with everyone not being together.
      - 4. Want to pass on that if there was an opportunity from the PA to provide a treat would be a bag that each teacher would pickup in the faculty room.
        - a. Can still be homemade
        - b. Need to adapt faculty snacks to brown paper bag style.
6. Administration Update - Katherine
  - a. Been a lot of hiring
    - i. Substitutes teachers
  - b. Reachel been doing leadership course
    - i. From what is heard it is fantastic
  - c. Preschool inspection coming up
  - d. Marketing stuff for enrollment season coming up
    - i. Social media
    - ii. Advertising
    - iii. Learning how it all works.
      - 1. Find a good way to move forward with social
    - iv. Website development
  - e. Many applications from parents for children to attend sunrise
    - i. Very proud to be able to say how awesome sunrise is to new parents
  - f. One interesting lack of internet Monday
    - i. Spent time going through old albums stories and history
    - ii. Nourishing to see roots of SWS
  - g. Books were made of Sunrise History by Kendra
    - i. Beginning with Ms Roote
  - h. Would like to release that onto the website
  - i. Angela showed a calendar of the 50 years of the Waldorf school in Vancouver
    - i. Katherine has said there is work going on for a SWS calendar
      - 1. Nico and Katherine brainstorming what we could do
  - j. Notes from Katherine via Email:
    - 2. We've just hired a handwork teacher and 5 substitute teachers
    - 3. Looking towards next year and hiring
    - 4. I've been working on website, social media and newsletters – upping my skills and laying foundations for good new things
    - 5. Looking into history for a history write-up and social media posts
    - 6. Preschool inspection coming up
    - 7. Enrolment season – lots of new applications, looking at the process and timeline of it. Looking for new tools for enrollment. The Enrollment committee still needs one or two members.

- 7. Finance - Leah
  - a. Reports below
  - b. Winterfaire
    - i. \$ 5934.00 income

**Sunrise Waldorf  
Parent Association  
Balance Sheet As at  
Dec 31, 2021**

**ASSET**

**Current Assets**

PA Cash Float Held by Treasurer		187.90
CC Main Account 100	10,368.94	
CC Garden Account 101	2,778.99	
CC Gaming Account 102	2,860.18	
CC Social Initiative Grants 104	<u>2,196.14</u>	
Total Cash		18,204.25
The Hub Deposit	100.00	
Deposit Held Misc	<u>200.00</u>	
Total Receivable		300.00
Project Funding in Progress		<u>0.00</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>18,692.15</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSET</b>		<u><b>18,692.15</b></u>

**LIABILITY**

**Current Liabilities**

Accounts Payable		<u>489.53</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<u>489.53</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITY</b>		<u>489.53</u>

**EQUITY**

**Retained Earnings**

Retained Earnings - Previous Year		9,978.09
Current Earnings		<u>8,224.53</u>
<b>Total Retained Earnings</b>		<u>18,202.62</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>		<u>18,202.62</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		<u><b>18,692.15</b></u>

**Sunrise Waldorf Parent  
Association  
Income Statement Dec 01,  
2021 to Dec 31, 2021**

**REVENUE**

**Fundraising Revenue**

Fundraising - Winter Faire 5,934.25

Fundraising - Gardening Initiative 213.00

Fundraising Misc 1,071.00

**Total Fundraising Revenue** 7,218.25

**Other Revenue**

Miscellaneous Revenue 1,059.00

**Total Other Revenue** 1,059.00

This is the \$  
collected  
for All  
Teacher Gifts

**TOTAL REVENUE** 8,277.25

**EXPENSE**

**Fundraising Expenses**

Fundraising - WF Adverstising 79.38

Fundraising - WF BBQ Venue 1,547.09

Fundraising - WF Enchanted Garden 114.26

Fundraising - WF General Expenses 438.60

Fundraising - WF Kindercrafts 244.77

Fundraising - WF Wreath Making 96.03

Fundraising - WF Steiner Cafe 496.44

Fundraising - WF Chestnuts 52.00

Total Winter Faire Expenses 3,068.57

**Total Fundraising Expenses** 3,068.57

**General & Administrative Expenses**

Garden Expenses 160.97

Meeting Expenses 47.95

Childminding Expenses 0.00

Interest & Bank Charges 4.50

Office Supplies 8.94

Project Funding Expenses 0.00

Teacher & PA Gifts 342.60

Suspense 39.86

**Total General & Admin. Expenses** 604.82

**TOTAL EXPENSE** 3,673.39

**NET INCOME** 4,603.86

## IV. Funding Motions

**1st Reading** “Be it resolved that SWPA will pay the stipend for Ms. Polly to give a Zoom lecture on the topic of The First Seven Years of Childhood on Feb 15, 2022 to the tune of \$150.00”

Mover: Angela

Secunder: Sheila

**Carried**

- a. Stating that this fee is a professional lecturer fee
- b. Consider making policy for future professional fee

## V. Enrollment Committee (10 mins)

1. Enrollment season now
  - a. Goal is 20 more students from where we are at now.
2. Lots of new applications
3. Idea is that an enrollment committee in the past
  - a. Looking for new members for the enrollment committee. Responsibilities include: People who have marketing experience, outreaching, chatting to people, putting together a strategic enrollment management system. A document that shows all the factors of enrollment. Advertising impacts enrollment, the aesthetics of the school itself impacts enrollment. Looking for someone to roll up sleeves and help with coming up with marketing strategies. Looking for someone that can work collaboratively with admissions.
    - i. Rachel cruse
    - ii. Katherine is chair
    - iii. Andrea Larson joining
    - iv. More members needed
    - v. Something coming from the board
  - b. Monthly meetings required
4. PA being asked to find any possible candidates.
  - a. Suggested to post on the Facebook page
  - b. Board will request something to be published

## VI. Business arising from minutes (30 mins)

- a. Policy Committee nominee - update
  - i. Stephanie reached out to Kendra but not heard back yet
    - a. Could be a week before hears back according to Diana.
    - b. Does the nominee have to be from parent community or also from wider community outside of SWS?
- b. Gaming Grant - vote/defer?
- c. PA meeting time - is 4-6pm still the best time for the majority?
  - i. All majority like this time
  - ii. In person we like this time
  - iii. On zoom this time is hard
    1. Dinner family etc hinders engagement
- d. Parent Anthroposophy Group
  - i. Tabled
  - ii. Someone needs to lead it

- iii. If we want it we have to step forth.
- e. Any other business

**Closing Of Meeting (1 min)**

To wonder at beauty stand guard over truth look up to the noble resolve on the good this leads us truly, to purpose in living to right in our doing to peace in our feeling to light in our thinking, and teaches us trust in the workings of god, in all that there is In the widths of the world In the depths of the soul.

(Steiner's At the ringing of the Bells)

