

## Watershed APC Meeting Minutes February 20, 2025

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL: Sena Gilbert, APC Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

APC Members: Sena Gilbert (APC chair), Jarrod Decker (Watershed Charter Principal, non-voting), Abigail Paul (Secretary), David Merrill, Rebecca Hansen, Chasity Perez, Jason Gillam, Melissa Clemente, and Erin Otness **were present (change as needed)**.

Absent: Sean Walklin (Vice Chair)

CONSENT AGENDA: [APC Meeting Agenda 2/20/25](#)

Approval of Minutes: [Draft Watershed APC Meeting Minutes January 23, 2025](#)

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: (keep notes brief and do not include names)

A student suggested starting at 8:15 AM to allow WSD students more opportunity to participate in middle school sports

In-person comments:

- Pearl Creek parents are working on a charter because the district has closed their school and they will be grateful for any assistance from the other charter schools.
- A Pearl Creek charter application has been submitted to the school district
- Pearl Creek parents are asking for solidarity on the project from charter schools
- Pearl Creek parents have heard that Joy may become available to a school in the future
- A Watershed parent expressed concern about the condition of the Pearl Creek building and the lease agreement with our current landlord and she is not personally in favor of moving
- A Pearl Creek parent said the demand for more charter opportunities is there and this would help provide more options for students
- A Pearl Creek parent commented that they would like job security and to provide busing using grants and other innovative ideas
- A Pearl Creek parent said he does not think there is competition between Watershed and the potential Pearl Creek charter school
- A Watershed parent worried that Watershed's class sizes would increase if the program moved to the Pearl Creek building and he agrees with the concept of a new charter school

[Public Testimony to APC February 20 2025](#)

[Pearl Creek Finances Breakdown.pdf](#)

[Letter from Peggy Haas, Watershed Teacher to APC Feb 20 Meeting](#)

[Letter from April Monroe, Pearl Creek Parent](#)

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT by Jarrod Decker: [February 20, 2025 Principal Report](#)

Report and related documents attached

#### ACTION ITEM(s)


**[List the title of the action item in bold ...attach any documents related to the action item.**

It was moved by \_\_\_\_\_ ; seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED:

FOR:

AGAINST: ]

**Proposed 2025-2026 school calendar:**  **2025\_26\_PROPOSED\_Watershed\_Calendar.pdf**

It was moved by Melissa Clemente; seconded by David Merrill

PASSED: 9

FOR: 9

AGAINST: 0

**School hours change: 8:30 - 3:00 (10-minute change from current 8:40-3:10) was modified to putting out a survey to stakeholders with 4 schedule change options**

It was moved by Sena Gilbert; seconded by Melissa Clemente


PASSED: 9

FOR: 9

AGAINST: 0

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS (add brief conclusions or resulting plans under each title if applicable)

- Strategic Plan Committee update: Strategic plan 2025 graphic draft presented: Removed “expansion” and kept “growth” under aspirations; integrity was added to values.
- The potential impact of school district consolidation: Putting existing public charters in the vacant schools keeps buildings on the capital project list for funding/maintenance purposes and provides revenue for the school district. In January, there was a discussion with district administration and all the charter schools about the FNSBSDSB’s desire not to have vacant buildings. No conversations have been had between Jarrod Decker and any school board member. He spoke with Shawna Henderson and Christina Thurman and said he would be willing to attend meetings of the Pearl Creek charter groups. It was agreed that Jarrod Decker would gather information on Joy and Pearl Creek buildings for the APC.
- Bylaws Committee update: Goal is to align with the ASB template for bylaws. The committee will meet again.
- Dress Code Committee update: Committee met this week and will schedule another meeting for March. A draft will be ready for consideration by the APC for an action item in April.

 **2025 Draft Watershed Dress Code**

[Policy review: dress code](#)

[Watershed Dress Code Notes from Hansen and Middle Schoolers](#)

*The next APC meeting is scheduled for March 20 at 6:00 PM*

APC Chair, Sena Gilbert, adjourned the meeting at 8:24 PM.