

Mountain Sage Community School - Board Agenda  
February 7th, 2017  
Location - MSCS, 5:15-7:00 PM

**Intro Session 5:15 pm**

- A1. Call to Order:
- A2. Attendance: Liv Helmericks, Jon Pointer, Hillary Mizia, Dan Van Horn, Late: Tim Weinmann, Greg Hirschi, Absent: Amy DeVries
- A3. Approve Minutes: ***Jon Pointer motioned to approve and Hillary Mizia seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.***
- A4. New Business: no
- A5. Approve Agenda: ***Hillary Mizia moved to approve and Jon Pointer seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.***
- A6. Our Mission: Cultivating the Creative Mind
- A7. Public Comment - 3 minutes per person - limit 20 minutes total-none today, Kelly Christensen-board candidate

**Business Session**

B1. Consent Agenda

- 1. EL 2.4 Financial Planning and Budgeting
- 2. EL 2.5 Emergency Principal and Executive Session

**Consenting to accepting both EL 2.4 and EL 2.5 with the small change of Principal to School Director.**

B2. Discussion Items

- 1. Town Hall debrief- Hillary
  - a. Positive results but we wish for a greater turnout.
  - b. Hillary posted the video on MS Mom's and it has been viewed,
  - c. goal is visibility and the board's availability to the parents and staff,
  - d. child care was tricky so early,
  - e. introduce the various attendees: faculty, board, parent, etc.
- 2. Projected growth- Liv
  - a. Lottery Feb 10, 2017
  - b. Possible decrease to 20 students in Kindergarten
  - c. 2 first grades next year works when 2 classes exit. 2017-18 school year only one class will exit. In 2018-2019 school year this means there will be 12 classrooms, not the space sustainable 11 classrooms. Overall, we need more space. Greg wants to know what the equilibrium will be regarding expenses and PPR.
  - d. ***Jon Pointer moves we go ahead with two first grades next year. Greg Hirschi seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.***
- 3. Lottery guidelines- Liv
  - a. Revised PSD enrollment policies (out of district, commit to an academic year once enrolled). Liv proposes we look at these closely and update our own policies for next.

4. Reauthorization- Liv
  - a. Submit letter of intent and high level financials and standardized test results, and desired waivers, by Dec. 1, 2017 but encouraged us to do it earlier. They will have a final answer by February 1, 2018 at the latest.
5. Board member candidates- Hillary
  - a. Mary will be joining us at another meeting (one at a time)Melinda Kerst interested too.
6. Q&A with Kelly Joy Christensen- see questions here
  - a. Kelly and Mary will be here at the next meeting

### B3. Action Items

1. Director annual review sub-committee
  - a. Review process  
Discussed the possibility of keeping it in the appreciative inquiry mindset, and about growing assets/professional development; Jon acknowledged the awkwardness of determining salary increases.
  - b. Obtain interested members-

### C1. Strategic planning:

1. Dashboard
  - a. Review of metrics and presentation
  - b. Discussion-Xcel may be easier for graphics than google docs. Greg has a guy who can do this for us.
  - c. We will look at the metrics during every work session (1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the month).
2. Core values
  - a. Discussion: why are we here? What defines why we do the work that we do? Mostly tabled for the next meeting.
  - b. Supporting document:  
How do we track these?  
Liv and the SAC (school accountability committee) will be working on the UIP. Next SAC meeting is March 3.

### **Closing Session 6:55 pm**

D1. Review All Consent/Action Items

D2. Move to Adjourn

D3. Closing Verse: *Steadfast I'll stand in existence. With certainty I tread life's path. Love I cherish in the depths of my being. Hope I place in every deed. Confidence I place in every thought. These five guide me through existence. These five guide me to the goal.*