

Intro Session 5:00 pm

A1. Call to Order: 5:04 pm

A2. Attendance: Hillary Mizia, Jon Pointer, Amy DeVries, Greg Hirschi (excused absent), Tim Weinmann (excused absent), School Director: Liv Helmericks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction: Nancy Sexton, and Faculty Rep: Dan Van Horn

A3. Approve Minutes: **Jon Pointer motioned to approve the minutes.**

Hillary Mizia seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

A4. New Business: Clarify board meeting dates, school comments and fundraising fun-run will be added under discussion items.

A5. Approve Agenda: **Jon Pointer motioned to approve the agenda with new business additions. Amy DeVries seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.**

A6. Reading Our Mission: Cultivating the Creative Mind

Mountain Sage Community School offers Waldorf-inspired, arts-integrated education, fully incorporating sustainable living practices into student learning. Each child will be empowered to cultivate meaningful connections to their intellectual, physical, emotional, social and creative capacities in healthy, safe and beautiful learning environments. Through a supportive community of peers, parents and teachers, each child will become a confident, self-directed and engaged learner, invested in their own education.

A7. Public Comment - 3 minutes per person - limit 20 minutes total

Business Session

B1. Consent Agenda

1. [ADD 4.7- Exiting Board Members](#)
2. [ADD 4.9- Executive Sessions/Closed Board Meetings](#)
3. [ADD 4.10- Types of Board Meetings](#)
4. [Board Member Agreement](#) Wording and redundancy changes discussed.

The Board consented to ADD 4.7 and ADD 4.10 as is. The Board consented to the Board Member Agreement with updates to language and removal of redundancies discussed and changed during the meeting.

B2. Discussion Items

1. Bill Bethke: There may be other questions the Board would like to ask Bill.
2. Meeting dates: Jon asked for clarification on the new meeting dates.
3. School comments: Rumors of financial issues have been floating. The Board discussed informing the community of our school financial model and putting rumors to rest.
4. School Performance Framework Rating 2016 & a brief conversation about needs for continued program development- Liv will share: Liv shared the preliminary MSCS school

performance rating with the Board which looks very good, but cannot be shared yet with the school community. The UIP will focus on improving interventions and support. The school needs to keep up the participation rate and continue to ask for parent support at home.

5. Foundation Update: John Jones (foundation president) has recruited 1-2 other foundation members. Fundraising Fun-run: Interesting idea that might be customized to become congruent with our culture. Colorado Gives
 - a. Promotion ideas: The Board discussed mailing the brochure which will include the letter as soon as November 1. The brochure would be emailed again later.
 - b. Annual Ask Letter ([Draft](#)) and Brochure
 - i. Goal: Make people aware of Colorado Gives, when it happens, what the need is, and provide a call to action
 - ii. Provide direction on how to donate and education as to how funds are used
 - c. Facebook and newsletter reminders:
 - d. Thank donors:

B3. Action Items

1. Mission

Cultivating the Creative Mind

2. Vision (choose 1 of these)

A community of intelligent, compassionate, creative, and engaged individuals

An engaged community of intelligent, compassionate, and creative individuals.

An engaged, compassionate, and creative community

Amy DeVries motioned to change the MSCS mission to [Cultivating the Creative Mind](#) and the MSCS vision to [An engaged community of intelligent, compassionate, and creative individuals](#).

Hillary Mizia seconded the motion

The motion was unanimously approved

Work Session

C1. strategic planning:

1. establish one page format (dashboard) with key data, presentation style, etc.
2. discuss how this will be used and visited regularly, roles and responsibilities
3. discuss core values

Closing Session 6:55 pm

D1. Review All Consent/Action Items

D2. Move to Adjourn: 7:04 pm

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.*