

Intro Session 5:00 pm

A1. Call to Order: 5:02pm

A2. Attendance: Jon Pointer, Tim Weinmann, Amy DeVries, Greg Hirschi (5:15pm), School Director: Liv Helmericks, Director of Curriculum and Instruction: Nancy Sexton, Faculty Representative: Dan Van Horn and guest auditor: Christy Reeves

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

Amy DeVries seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

A4. New Business: Boosterthon information and MSCS Bond stance

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

A6. Our Mission: Cultivating the Creative Mind

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

Business Session

B1. Financial [Audit](#) Presentation/Discussion: MSCS has a positive balance that grew over last year. The budget was not exceeded and auditors had no comments for changes. The final version will be available soon. The Board discussed the use and restrictions of Fund Balance dollars (pages 9-10).

1. Defined Benefit Pension question: This is a calculation which shows MSCS's proportionate share of Pera's net liability. Refer creditors to back statements.

B2. Consent Agenda

1. [ADD 4.9- Executive Sessions/Closed Board Meetings](#): **The Board consented to the ADD 4.9 with new information included and the removal of the final bullet points.**

B3. Updates

1. Financial Update

- a. Finance Committee Report: A new format and a revised budget will be presented at an upcoming meeting. The Board will need to approve the revised budget at that time.
 - i. Top line sensitivities: Fewer students than expected are offset by a slightly higher PPR. Also higher than expected Read Act revenue and homeschool enrichment revenue not included in the original budget lead to a higher net surplus.

2. Liv's Update

- a. Homework Policy: The Board shared opinions and thoughts. Discussed conscious thought-out independent practice (possibly instead of use of the word homework) with time offered in school to work on it. Time limits are more of a cap even though a child may or may not have completed the work. Suggestions included talking with more parents and also asking for thoughts from some kids in the older grades. The Board discussed the need to understand the underlying

purpose for this practice which may be to learn accountability rather than complete a project.

- b. Parent-VUE: The Board discussed the need for consistency going forward and being specific on what information parents and students can expect. The Board wishes to be sure any information system used by the school is in keeping with district rules and teachers are working with parents to provide clear information.
- c. Appreciative Leadership Development program: Liv will be working on appreciative inquiry program development.

3. Action Item Updates

a. [Colorado Gives](#)

- i. Thank donors: Automatic acknowledgment: The acknowledgment is more of a receipt for the donations and handwritten notes for all donations is strongly recommended. The Board discussed making notecards from children's artwork.
- ii. Re-write of Annual Ask [letter](#) : All will read the Annual Ask letter and comment to Hillary by Friday.

b. Faculty reception

- i. Mission and Vision update: Nancy shared that the faculty response was positive.
- ii. Rumor discussion: The Board encourages the faculty to always ask questions.

c. [Boosterthon](#): Will discuss at a future meeting.

4. MSCS Bond Stance

- a. Emails and our response: The Board received emails asking if MSCS had a stance on the PSD Bond and Mill Levy, 3B and 3C. The Board has no stance on the Bond and Mill Levy. The Board needs to create a policy on how to respond to political and media topics.

B4. New Action Items

- 1. Proposed that Board members will send a reminder email letting others know they will not attend a meeting. The Board agreed to this.
- 2. Decide on Board's Silent Auction logistics: Moved to next meeting.

Closing Session 6:55 pm

C1. Review All Consent/Action Items

- 1. Next meeting will be 11-08-16

C2. Move to Adjourn: 7:04pm

C3. 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.*