

Mountain Sage Community School - Board Agenda, 1-12-2015  
Location - MSCS, 6:30-9:30PM

### **Intro Session**

A1. Call to Order, 6:35pm, Attendance: Liv Helmericks, Hillary Mizia, Jon Pointer, Amy DeVries, Faculty Rep: Sarah Braun, Consultant: Nancy Sexton, Guests: Tim Weinmann, Ariel Witt

A2. Approve Minutes: Minutes Approved

A3. New Business

A4. Approve Agenda: Approved with some additions

A5. 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.

A6. Public Comment - 3 minutes per person - limit 20 minutes total: Introductions and welcome to Ariel.

### **Business Session**

B1. Financial Updates

1. Budget updates: No changes. Liv mentioned some additional money from the READ Act may be available as well as a possible grant from IDEA thru the Authorizer.

B2. Director Update - Liv

1. Review written admin report - questions and/or important points: Liv updated the Board.

The School needs more resources, space, staff and support than is currently available. Liv stressed that fundraising and other revenue streams are of high importance. The Annual Ask Letter needs to be sent out soon. A discussion regarding Scrip was held and since it will be a large part of the parent giving, the Board will need to help facilitate the program. The Board also needs to take on the community fundraising project starting with gathering a list of contacts and beginning to form relationships.

The need to develop our community presence and outreach was also discussed. Some ideas were to use Student Ambassadors and CSAs to let the community know about our Garden program and ways we are using and teaching sustainable living in the school.

Hillary updated the Board on the conversation with KUNC. January is a great time, so the School will receive numerous underwriting mentions over the next couple of weeks in coveted spots. Hillary will also be meeting with Scott from RMParent and asking about articles.

A discussion was held about Parent Council and the need for more involvement.

Liv brought some thoughts from the faculty regarding the all school performance. Smaller class performances at the school, asking parents to join for the assemblies, and other ideas were discussed. The Board strongly believes that these type of performances are food for commitment to the school.

Liv has begun talks with the faculty for the next school year. The sense is good for faculty retention. We hired a new paraprofessional as Maria resigned to attend CSU as a full time student.

We will reach out to Warren about the space we are going to need for our future expansion and the upcoming construction soon.

2. Enrollment and Lottery: A discussion was held regarding enrollment needs in general and holding events, both at the school and at other places.

Lottery date is a Saturday, February 14th.

### B3. Governance - Jon

1. Update on policies work: Jon is continuing on the first draft. Hopefully has them all done by the end of the year.
2. Review Board Calendar items for January: Liv's formal self evaluation is due. The current process is to have Liv turn in her self evaluation in January, gather feedback input in February and review in March. This process could be changed to allow Liv to turn in her self eval simultaneously with the feedback in February.
3. Brief Interview of Ariel

## **Closing Session**

C1. Review New Action Items

C2. Move to Adjourn : 8:35 pm

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.