

Intro Session 8:30 am

A1. Call to Order: 8:39am, Attendance: Hillary Mizia, Ariel Witt, Amy DeVries, Jon Pointer (approved absent), Liv Helmericks, Tim Weinmann, Nancy Sexton (approved 9:39am), Faculty Rep: Marna Widom (approved absent), Guest: Daniel Covey

A2. Approve Minutes: Approved

A3. New Business: None

A4. Approve Agenda: Approved

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

Business Session 8:35 am, pending public comment

B1. Committee Updates

1. Finance- Liv (Jon): Discussed following the Fundraising and Marketing discussions.
2. Fundraising- Tim, Daniel: Updated the Board on the progress of the Fundraising plan. Ideas included having an Engagement table present at all MSCS Events. Another discussion was to have a small and simple Silent Auction at the Winter Faire with a focus on MSCS community offerings as well as a few packages of loosely connected items from the greater FOCO community.

Daniel updated the Board on the Grant progress.

Tim updated the Board on the Charter Mill Levy Bond meeting. MSCS should have a list of needs ready for PSD by December 15, 2015.

Daniel leaves 9:08am

3. Marketing- Ariel, Hillary: Ariel updated the Board on the success of the Google ads and the video shoot. The video will be ready to view sometime in November. Yard signs will be available at Parent conferences. Holiday gifting was discussed.

B3. Director Update - Liv

1. Review written admin report : Liv updated the Board on what additional support/ resources the school needs. Salaries and additional funds are the focus.

The Board discussed the lease of the additional facility space.

The Board discussed the progress in Parent Council. Holding a Parent Council training with the Parent Class Representatives was suggested. A survey was also suggested to help determine what the needs of the school and the parents are.

Liv suggested the Board read the Claire Davis Law to help clarify the legislation regarding school liability and safety.

1. DIBELS/Testing discussion: Liv recommends the online assessment as opposed to the paper/pencil testing. A policy regarding MSCS testing procedures will be discussed at the November meeting.

B5. Governance

1. Strategic Plan

1. Finance- Tim (Jon): Discussed
2. Community- Ariel, Marna: Discussed

2. Operational Items

1. Annual Ask/Bridge the Gap- Hillary reminded the Board of the Fundraising letter last year. The Board discussed having the focus on the monthly Bridge the Gap and SCRIP for this year. Emailing the letter with dedicated links to the school website donation areas was also discussed.
2. Board Seats/Review- Discussed adding two additional seats to the Board. The additional seats need to be targeted and based on the needs of the Board. A Gap analysis should be done in November.
3. Meeting and Retreat Dates- Amy: The Board decided on a meeting date in December. The meeting date is December 9, 2015 8:30am - 11am.
4. Town Hall Meetings- Amy, Hillary: The Board decided on having two Town Hall meetings this school year. The dates for these meetings are November 19, 2015 6:30pm - 8:30pm and March 24, 2015 6:30pm - 8:30pm
5. Staff Meeting Dates- Nancy

Closing Session

C1. Review All Action Items- Amy

C2. Move to Adjourn: 10:43am

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.