

Mountain Sage Community School - Board Agenda, 12-8-2014
Location - MSCS, 6:30-9:30PM

Intro Session

A1. Call to Order, 6:38pm, Attendance: Liv Helmericks, Hillary Mizia, Jon Pointer, Amy DeVries, Faculty Rep: Sarah Braun, Consultant: Nancy Sexton, Guests: Tim Weinmann, Beth Hutchinson, Terry Croix-Lewis

A2. Approve Minutes: Approved

A3. New Business

A4. Approve Agenda: Approved with addition of Marketing discussion from Hillary

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

Beth and Tim offered some brief information on why they are looking at becoming members of the Board

Business Session

B1. Financial Updates

1. Prelim budget for next year: Liv discussed the preliminary budget for 2015/16. All expenses are budgeted a bit higher since it will be the first year without the Grant.

B2. Director Update - Liv

1. Review written admin report - questions and/or important points: Grant revision for year 3 is being worked on. There was a discussion about sending the Fundraising Letter. There were some misgivings about the amount being asked for and sending the letter during the holidays. It was decided that MSCS will have an annual ask letter as part of our fundraising model, but that it will be sent in the Spring. It will need to be re-worded to include SCRIP as one of the ways to raise the money being asked for.

There was discussion about how the Board can help support Kristen Vogt with the SCRIP program. There was also discussion about SCRIP becoming part of the registration/enrollment process.

7:15 Beth leaves

The job sharing approach for the Integrated Services department between Julie Martin and Jane Makarchuk is going well. The overall feeling is positive to have Julie stay and continue to work with the faculty. This solution may even work going forward.

Liv worked very hard on the the Unified Improvement Plan and will present it to the PSD Board of Education this week.

B3. Governance - Jon

1. Update on policies work: Jon has finished the first draft of about 20 policies and Liv has okay'd the structure and format. Eventually the Board will need to read and edit all of the policies, but for now Jon will continue the work on them.
2. Marketing - Hillary researched advertising with NPR last year and suggested advertising the month leading up to Lottery might be positive for MSCS.

B4. Misc Discussions

1. Parking update: We did add a person at the east end directing people into the lines. This seems to have improved some problems.
2. Town Hall meeting on 12/16: The Board needs to set a rhythm and implement a structure for the Town Hall style meeting that will be used at all such meetings in the future. It was discussed that introductions would be made and then we would set aside time for SCRIP and some other programs. The Board also discussed many topics to be touched on for the State of the School that would inspire questions and discussions.
3. The Board had a discussion with Tim

Closing Session

C1. Review New Action Items

C2. Move to Adjourn : 918 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.