

Mountain Sage Community School - Board Agenda, 2-24-14
Location - MSCS, 7:00-10:00PM

Intro Session

- A1. Call to Order, 6:58 pm, Attendance: Liv Helmericks, Sarah-Gennie Colazio, Andi Brunson-Williams, Nancy Sexton, Jessi Brandt-Feldenkirchen, Hillary Mizia, Jon Pointer, Duan Ruff, Amy DeVries, Faculty Rep: Sarah Braun
- A2. Approve Minutes: Minutes Approved, Review Action Items
- A3. New Business
- A4. Approve Agenda: Agenda Approved
- A5. Reading Our Mission: Sarah Braun
- A6. Public Comment - 3 minutes per person, Introductions of Sarah Braun to the board

Business Session

B1. New Board Members - Quick Check-In

1. Amy and Duan - Are we all set with new roles? Anything you two need? - Amy and Duan are satisfied with new roles and working towards catching up with board modules and other board related necessities.

2. Nancy - sharing formal decision

Nancy would like to resign as Vice President and serve as a consultant in order to remain in her new position with MSCS.

Andi Brunson-Williams nominates Hillary Mizia to be the new board Vice President. Jessi Brandt-Feldenkirchen seconded the nomination. Hillary accepted the nomination. The vote was unanimously passed.

B2. 2014/2015 Budget Discussion - All

1. Questions, suggestions, requests, etc.

Jon had some questions regarding specific line items of the budget. The Board reviewed these questions and Sarah-Gennie clarified them. Nancy also raised some questions regarding pay rates, ratios, fees and additional classroom help. Liv stated that the Personnel Committee will address these issues going forward. ***Jon suggests that the board supports an increase in fees to \$200 and the addition of more support staff if the budget allows and supports the logical use of the funds.

2. Audit interviews - SG/Duan

Two interviews have been conducted. Audit would take place in September and then the auditor would come back and explain any comments. The Board accepts Sarah-Gennie and Duan's recommendation of John Cutler for \$5000. Sarah-Gennie leaves 7:55pm.

B3. 2014 Colorado Charter Schools Conference - Brief report out from Jon and Liv
Jon summarized his impressions and thoughts regarding Improving Board Practice. Liv summarized her impressions and thoughts regarding RTI - Response to Intervention. We are developing a system in our school called the Care Group.

B4. Director Update - Liv

1. Review written admin report - questions and/or important points

Hillary mentioned regular tours need to be added to other events and open house dates. Hillary also brought up the need for sustainability training and will write out a sustainability action plan for the school. ***Sarah Braun will be the faculty rep at all Board Meetings going forward. Jon brought up some questions regarding the rental information/contract. The Board reviewed these questions and more research will be done. Liv discussed the need for a compost plan. The Board reviewed several ideas and would like the school to work towards finding the best plan. Liv also summarized her thoughts on the first Coffee Chat. The need for volunteers from parents and the community was discussed. The Board discussed the need for a policy regarding volunteers.

B5. Governance - Jon

1. Document - Basic structure, plan to completion
2. Board Calendar quick update

Review each meeting. Currently Jon needs to begin the Director evaluation process. Jon reviewed the process with the Board.

3. Monthly meetings discussion/structure

The Board discussed meeting the second Monday of every month. Written reports must be out beforehand for review. Agenda etc. due out one week prior to meeting.

Duan Ruff moves to adopt the new calendar dates proposed by Jon.

Andi Brunson-Williams seconded the motion

The motion passed.

B6. CLCS/CDE Items

1. Board training modules - any notable training items from Hillary, Duan and Amy? Bringing up thoughts throughout the evening was helpful.

B7. Misc

1. Safety plan - Jon Update

Ad Hoc Committee: Jon, Liv, Sarah, and Jessi. Might need FTCPD Contact and Information as well as CSUPD. Need to have connections and contacts with Police and Fire Departments

2. Finalize High School Statement from Board - Hillary
3. Board member agreements - Jon

Secretary holds the signed board member agreements

B8. Farewell to Andi! And Many Many Thanks!!

Working Session

None

Closing Session

C1. Review New Action Items: All board members to review the google doc action items.

C2. Move to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned 10:08pm

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

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.