

### **Intro Session 8:30 am**

A1. Call to Order: 8:33am. Attendance: Hillary Mizia, Jon Pointer (excused absent), Tim Weinmann, Amy DeVries, School Director: Liv Helmericks, Pedagogical Chair: Nancy Sexton, Faculty Rep: Barbara Albert, and Guests: Greg Hirschi and Andria Burgoon

A2. Approve Minutes: ***Tim Weinmann motioned to approve the minutes.***

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

A3. New Business: none

A4. Approve Agenda: ***Tim Weinmann motioned to approve the minutes.***

***Amy DeVries seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously 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**

#### **B1. Consent Agenda**

B1.1 GP 3.2 Board Job Description Nancy worked with the League to create a draft. The Board feels more time is needed to review.

B1.2 ADD 4.11 Enrollment Process: Some questions regarding the non-enrollment period were discussed.

B1.3 EE 1.0 Educational Ends The Board discussed having all references to the Charter be linked to the online document. Other changes are needed.

B1.4 ADD 4.8 Public Participation in Board Meetings/Board Guest Policy: The Board discussed the addition/changes proposed by Nancy.

B1.5 GP 3.10 Vision: The Board discussed including the School's definition of Sustainability in the Vision.

**The Board consented to items ADD 4.8 and GP 3.10 with the above changes made.**

#### **B2. Discussion Items**

##### **1. B2.1 2016/17 Budget**

B2.a Discuss 2014 990: The Board discussed.

B2.b Budget changes/Homeschool Enrichment: Enrollment is looking good and programming is filling out well. Liv discussed some of the needed changes to the Budget in order to staff the program. A discussion regarding the possibility of adding more days in the future was had.

B2.c Budget needs/implications: Liv shared a few of the long term and short term School needs for funding such as facility and program development.

B2.d PC/Board/ /Admin Intersect: The Board discussed holding a monthly Executive Committee meeting with Liv, Nancy, PC Chair, and

Board President for Agenda alignment and better all around communication between groups.

B2.e Staffing progress and vision: A program/grade curriculum chart to visually and simply display on our website was discussed.

B2.2 Operating Documents

B2.a Proposed changes to bylaws and AIC (any initial questions?): The Board decided to hold this discussion at the Retreat.

B2.b Proposed consensus decision making guidelines: This document is proposed to be our guiding document and would be included in the language of the Bylaws once they are approved. **The Board has agreed to move forward with this Document as our reference guide.**

B2.c Delegation of dashboard tasks: It was proposed that the Board have strategic planning discussions at the Retreat to decide how/if we would use a dashboard. The Board would like to refine ideas on how to incorporate visual cues to be used on a regular basis. The Tom Patterson Strategic Process was an idea. Other suggestions were discussed.

B2.3 Fund Development

B2.a CO Gives/Community First Foundation

B2.i Levels and ways of giving: The Board discussed a number of ideas.

B2.ii Thanking donors: MSCS currently does not have a process to thank donors. Handwritten cards, emails and formal letters on letterhead were discussed. For now the job will be shared between the Board and Administration. A Foundation/Donation focused Newsletter was discussed.

B2.b PSD Bond Developments: PSD voted to award money to MSCS (assuming the Bond is passed) based on a list of needs submitted. MSCS may be allowed to re-evaluate the list. Hillary attended the decision making PSD Board meeting and noted that the PSD Board appeared to be very open to finding ways of supporting Charter Schools better and creating better relationships. The timeline could be quite long before we see any money.

B2.c Tim update: Tim updated

B2.4 Marketing and Outreach (15 minutes)

The Jared Polis foundation is honoring Linde Chappelle, our 5th grade teacher based on a nomination from Annie Addington, our 7th grade teacher. Ms. Chappelle will receive money, an award and will have a write-up about her in the Newspaper.

B2.a Discussion on activating the Foundation: A discussion of this Board focusing on developing the Foundation was held. It was proposed that we make a loud public announcement and get the word out the we are launching our Foundation and are looking for people with needed skill sets for our Foundation.

Andria leaves 10:49am

B2.5 Board Development

B2.a Discussion of additional monthly meeting: The Board decided to begin holding 1 daytime meeting and 1 evening meeting each month. The return to 2 monthly meetings would begin with the start of the new school year.

B2.b Discussion of Retreat length: The Retreat will be held at Tamasag in LaPorte from 9am to 5pm on Saturday June 11, 2016.

Tim leaves 11:01am

B2.c Any other new prospective trustees: Andria Burgoon joined us this morning. We had another resume and letter of interest from John Jones and the Board will vote on Greg Hirschi at the next meeting.

B2.d Share the Risk Management/Board Insurance with all

B3. Action Items

1. Approve 2014 990:

**The Board Approved the 2014 990 pending the approval of Jon Pointer**

2. Agree on Town Hall date and time frame: cancelled.

**Closing Session 10:55 am**

C1. Review All Action Items

C2. Move to Adjourn: 11:10am **The next meeting is scheduled on 5-26-16 at 8:30am**

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.*