

Mountain Sage Community School - Board Agenda, 6-8-2015
Location - MSCS, 6:30-9:30PM

Intro Session

A1. Call to Order: 6:33pm, Attendance: Jon Pointer, Hillary Mizia (6:43pm), Amy DeVries, Tim Weinmann, Ariel Witt, Liv Helmericks, Faculty Rep: Sarah Braun, Consultant: Nancy Sexton (6:37pm), Faculty Rep: Marna Widom, Guests: Kelly Rosensweet, Ami Desai, Linde Chappelle, Denise Scott, and Debbie James

A2. Approve Minutes: Approved

A3. New Business

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 - We will delay this section until after B2

Business Session

B1. CCSP Report (6:30-7:45) Kelly and Ami brought four reports to share with the Board: The Landscape Report which ranks the school in the 10 standards against which the MSCS is compared, the detailed Rubric of those 10 standards, The Executive Summary (1-8), and The Board Report (9 & 10). The Board and guests reviewed and then discussed the Executive Summary. The CSSI report stressed the importance of anchoring into our Mission and Vision. The Board and guests reviewed and discussed the Board Report.

7:51pm All guests leave

B2. Financial Updates

1. 2014-2015 Budget to Actuals - Liv and Jon shared
2. Review and Approval of the 2015-2016 budget - Liv and Jon worked with Sarah-Gennie to make some changes to the 2015/16 Budget. The Board discussed some of the changes made.

Jon Pointer moved to accept the budget proposed for 2015/16

Hillary Mizia seconded the motion

The motion passed unanimously

3. Large Scale Fundraising discussion - Tim and Ariel

Tim shared that a Fundraising Committee meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2015.

The main focus will be brainstorming on topics to fundraise around and pinpointing people or groups to contact. A few topics and projects to fundraise for were discussed.

Ariel proposed doing a large scale fundraiser. Options, ideas and thoughts were discussed. The Fundraising Committee would be more about building relationships, but an idea might be to put out a survey looking for information on what the greater community is interested in. Some thoughts were bringing back the silent auction at the winter faire, and also possibly an adult dinner/gala.

B3. Director Update - Liv

1. Review written admin report - questions and/or important points - Liv shared some items the Parent Council is working on. There is discussion of Parent Council hosting a parent orientation evening.

There was a discussion about a new date for the August Board Meeting

The Board discussed teacher salaries and mood of the faculty.

2. School Accountability Committee Report - Liv shared the results of the Parent Survey. More communication, checkins and feedback is top of the list. Behavior in the classroom is another topic broached. The response rate of the survey was not as high as we would like to see from our parent community. The Board briefly discussed a few ideas that might help obtain a better response rate.

B4. Governance

1. August retreat agenda - Hillary proposed hiring a consultant to facilitate the Retreat.
2. Assignment of new roles - President, Vice President and Treasurer

Jon Pointer moved that following this Board Meeting; Hillary Mizia will become President of the Board, Jon Pointer will become Treasurer of the Board, Tim Weinmann will become Vice President of the Board and Marna Widom will replace Sarah as the Faculty Representative.

Amy DeVries seconded the motion

The motion passed unanimously

Closing Session

C1. Review New Action Items - Also review of old action items and action item registry

C2. Move to Adjourn: 9:37pm

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.