

Intro Session 6:30 pm

A1. Call to Order: 6:41pm, Attendance: Hillary Mizia, Ariel Witt, Amy DeVries, Nancy Sexton, Marna Widom, Jon Pointer (approved absent), Liv Helmericks, Tim Weinmann (8:56pm)

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

Business Session 6:45 pm, pending public comment

B1. Summer Updates:

1. Tour of the facility- Liv gave the Board a Tour of the new classrooms and changes over the summer
2. Individual updates: what's new, what are you looking forward to this year- Board members all shared a brief update

B2. Financial Updates

1. 2014-2015 Budget to Actuals - Jon, Sarah-Gennie- MSCS has an end of year surplus
2. Review of the 2015-2016 budget - Jon, Sarah-Gennie- Liv shared that enrollment is looking good at this point. The Finance Committee is in place now. There was some discussion regarding funds for projects on the wish list. The school will be running without the CCSP grant money from this point forward.

B3. Director Update - Liv

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

The Board discussed a necessary overage for the IT service in the upstairs improvement. Possible changes to the operational Budget may be needed.

The Board discussed funds needed for the school to tie into the business park watering system and the installation of shade sails. There was discussion about the lease of the land and costs of utilities for the garden. There was also a suggestion about reaching out to a Real Estate Lawyer or Commercial Realtor for information/ recommendations before making any changes. Liv asked for Board approval of \$8,400 for one-time costs.

Hillary Mizia moved to approve the use of fundraising dollars from the 2014/15 school year in the amount of \$8,400 for the one-time costs of tying into the business park watering system and installation of shade sails.

Ariel Witt seconded the motion

The motion was passed unanimously

A brief discussion was had about faculty/staff and parents being Facebook friends. A faculty and staff appreciation breakfast or lunch was suggested.

The Board had a brief discussion on upcoming results of test scores and how that will affect the school's UIP status. There was also a discussion on keeping a positive message and atmosphere with the staff and faculty regarding test scores. It was suggested that faculty and staff be invited to a Board meeting to reiterate the Board's feelings regarding testing. Another brief discussion was held regarding how the school could share the opt-out options. It was suggested that the opt-out message could be shared along with the message regarding the importance of being present for the October enrollment final count.

A comment was made that the school could look into using/holding money designated for schools from marijuana sales for future purchase of the facility. A discussion was held regarding the future purchase of the Wellness Clinic located within the facility.

B4. Committee Updates

1. Marketing- Ariel updated the Board on some marketing plans in process such as; another newsletter (quarterly), t-shirts, video for website, facebook ads and social media ads (Google), responding to Google reviews and feedback. The possible need of a marketing sub-committee was discussed. Ariel will let the Board know if that is needed.
2. Fundraising- Tim and the fundraising sub-committee met over the summer and held several non-profit fundraising meetings with community members. Sponsorships and cold calls were discussed. FoCo Cafe offered to hold a dinner for us. Periodic smaller events to identify people who can write bigger checks were suggested. Grants were suggested often. The Fundraising Plan could be proposed at the September meeting. The Board discussed changing the language of the Scrip Program from a fundraising program to a parent program.
3. Other operational updates: Hillary will discontinue management of the social media. The Board discussed incorporating sustainability throughout the whole school atmosphere. Both the Waldorf and Sustainability pieces need to be integrated within the strategic and operational plans. The school is on the lookout for a person to lead this charge.

B5. Governance

1. New meeting packet idea- Jon suggested having all Board meeting material sent to the secretary so that and full packet of information can be emailed out to the Board by the secretary.
2. Board Dashboard- Amy discussed having a Board Dashboard and asked for thoughts and ideas.

3. Update on August 22nd retreat- Hillary and Liv are working on the Agenda for the Retreat.

Closing Session 9:15 pm, unless arrived at earlier

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

C2. Move to Adjourn: 9:33pm

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.*