

Board Business Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2022, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

A. Opening, 6:00 p.m.

A1. Call to Order

President Beau Bump called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

A2. Attendance & Introductions

- Present: Beau Bump, Stephane Cosby, Ashley Haas, Liv Helmericks, Bryan Kimbell, Eric Richardson, Nancy Sexton (Faculty Support/liaison), Rachael Sudhalter
- Late:
- Absent:
- Guests:
 - Jen Rault (Fort Collins community member, interested in school/board)
 - Chris West (MSCS parent, prospective board member)

A3. Our Mission: [Cultivating the Creative Mind](#)

Director Rachael S. read our school Mission.

A4. Public Comment (3 minutes per person, Limit 20 minutes total)

No public comments.

B. Preliminary Matters, 6:14 p.m.

B1. Approve Minutes from Prior Board Meeting ([2/8](#))

MOTION: Director Eric R. moved to approve the minutes, Steph C. seconded.

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

B2. Call for Late Additions to Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

B3. Approve Meeting Agenda

MOTION: Director Beau B. moved to approve the agenda, Ashley H. seconded.

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

C. Board Education

C1. This month's presenter: Beau Bump

C1.1. Topic: [Top 10 Reflections and Encouragements from the Pandemic President](#)

D. Regular Business, 6:30 p.m.

D1. Consent Agenda (Confirm Consent Designation)

D1.1 Policy Review (i.e. no discussion, if item pulled move to bottom of D):

D1.1.1 - Board Policy Review: [GP3.4](#), [GP3.5](#)

MOTION: Director Eric R. moved to approve the policies on the Consent Agenda, Ashley H. seconded.

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

D2. Review [Strategic Plan](#) (Oct Retreat, January Work Session, June Retreat)

D3. School Director's Report

- Mask mandate change has been a big shift
 - A lot of needs: emotional, confusion, questions around absences. A lot of points of view so it is important to come at it from a perspective of what is best for the children.
- People and staff need to connect. The staff meetings have incorporated ways for the staff to connect and express themselves. The staff renewal days in February seem like a very positive choice. There is also a very real need to incorporate activities that are just fun.
- The mental health of both students and adults is at the forefront.
- Other big things going on right now with staffing and facilities work.
- Work already underway to work on improvements that can be made for interventions and Gifted and Talented (GT) in preparation for next year. We have a great foundation but there is a lot more we can do.
- It is important for us to reinvigorate the parent aspect of our educational journey.
- Staffing: The school will be posting more positions, so please share.
- School Director Liv Helmericks expressed gratitude to all the staff and parents showing up every day.

- Guest Chris West commented in support of the additional staff day in February. Wondering if there should be a change in policy to support the concept more formally.
- President Beau B. - Really enjoyed attending the Parent Circle meeting this month and feel like most of our parents would really enjoy it.
- Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 17th - 23rd.
- Teacher Appreciation Week is May 2nd - 8th.
- Liv expressed gratitude to Nancy Sexton for her work managing substitute teacher coverage.

D4. Committee Updates

D4.1 - Finance Committee Update ([report](#))

Expect to have a first draft of the 2022-23 budget for review in March.

D4.2 - Facilities Committee ([report](#))

- **AI:** Ashley - Invite Kurt Connolly to our next board meeting.

D4.3 - School Accountability Committee Update ([report](#))

D4.4 - Logistics Committee Update ([report](#))

AI: Rachael - Set election dates as April 4th - 22nd

D4.4.1 - Election of officer positions for 2022-23

D4.4.1.1 - 2022-23 President	- Ashley Haas
D4.4.1.2 - 2022-23 Vice President	- Rachael Sudhalter
D4.4.1.3 - 2022-23 Secretary	- Stephane Cosby
D4.4.1.4 - 2022-23 Treasurer	- Bryan Kimbell

MOTION: Director Eric R. moved to approve the election of the officers for 2022-23 as stated above, Rachael S. seconded.

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

D4.4.2 - Interview of potential Board member Chris West.

D4.5 - Fund Development Committee

D4.6 - Policy Discussion

D4.6.1 - PSD Policy Updates: [Summary](#)

D4.6.2 - Update on Policies: [IGF](#), [IGF-R](#), [IHA](#), [IJ](#)

D4.6.3 - March Board Policy Review: [GP3.6](#), [GP3.7](#), [GP3.8](#)

D4.6.4 - Board Policy Review: [GP3.3](#)

- **AI:** Eric - Revised policy language was read. Place the revised policy on the March consent agenda.

D5. Scheduling Matters

D5.1 - Items of the Month (see [Board calendar](#))

D5.1.1 - School Director Evaluation process to start

D5.1.2 - Approve school year calendar

MOTION: Director Beau B. moved to approve the 2022-23 calendar, Bryan K. seconded.

VOTE: Unanimously approved.

D5.2 - Review [Upcoming School Calendar Events](#), Board Member Attendance

D6. Miscellaneous

D6.1 - Board Community Update event discussion

E. Closing, 8:30 p.m.

E1. Review Action Items

- **AI:** Eric - Consider access privileges to the policies for faculty liaisons and staff and their ability to add comments.
- **AI:** Ashley - During our Spring Retreat reflection and self-assessment include the process for the rapid approval of a change in strategy related to facilities during the special meeting on Feb 8, 2022.
- **AI:** Beau - Copy items not covered during the 2/22/2022 meeting to the March agenda
- **AI:** Eric - Update closing verse in the upcoming agendas.

E2. Call for Final Comments

E3. Move to Adjourn

President Beau B. adjourned the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

E4. Closing Verse:

*May wisdom shine through me
May love glow within me
May strength permeate me
That in me may arise
A helper of humanity
A servant of goodness
Selfless and true*