



Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

August 20, 2015 at 6:00 –9:00 pm

2904 W. Kiowa St., Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Music/Library Room

Minutes

Mission Statement – Dedication to the Conscious Evolution of the Whole Child – MSCS is a community of families and educators dedicated to the conscious evolution of the whole child utilizing developmentally appropriate holistic education that nurtures body, mind and heart. Our aim is to bring forth healthy, confident, free-thinking, self-directed children who are passionately engaged with their education and empowered to contribute positively to the world.

1. Call to Order – 6:15– 6:30

a. Roll Call (Jennifer Barnes, Shannon Root, Greg Augspurgen, Michael Katzenberg, Melanie Chadwick, Raj Solanki, ElizaBeth Wildemaan)

b. Question: “What can you do differently regarding your work on the board that will help that work be more dedicated and intentional? Is this also applicable to your life outside the board?” Shannon--focus one thing at a time.

Melanie—respond to tasks immediately rather than just before meeting

Jennifer—set some parameters about document formats and timeliness

Greg—listening to what people say and acknowledging it and speaking where it needs to be and not an opinion about everything

Raj—best thing I can do for the board is get things in order and getting more used to delegating.

Michael—continuing to learn how to improve the efficiency of what I do with my position and improve my knowledge of using Google docs and doing more on my phone if possible.

ElizaBeth—communication is the key to acknowledging things. Would like to create a good system of communication

c. Read Mission Statement

d. Approve agenda. Greg moves to approve, Shannon 2nd. Motion passes.

2. Public Comment— 6:31 (20 minutes total to be divided amongst number of commenters. Questions will not be answered during this time.) No public in attendance.
3. Approval of July 23, 2015 and August 13, 2015 minutes. Greg moves to approve 7/23, Melanie 2nd. Motion passes. Shannon moves to approve 8/13, Melanie 2nd. Greg abstains. Motion passes.
4. Operational Report 6:36-
 - a. Director's Report
 - i. Finance Report: no financial statements because of audit
 - ii. Audit Report: -house audit took one day, conveyed that our finances are in good order.
 - iii. Pedagogy: whole system in place to deal with process of student discipline and academic, emotional, social needs. Angelita Surage was reassigned to become Student Support Director. Will post notice of Working Session during Eugene Schwartz talk about organization and governance on Monday, August 25th at 5:30pm at Agia Sophia.
 - iv. Enrollment: Conservative numbers show 291 FTE, which is above the budgeted enrollment.
 - v. Request for additional positions for Reading Intervention support. Additional positions are dependent on enrollment. All signs point to making enrollment, but we still need to keep to our negative contingency plan just in case. Goal is to support teachers by providing more planning and collaboration time outside the classroom, improve student growth, and bring back more specials. Full enrollment will help that. Discussed dollar changing dollar amount of contingency fund from \$68,000 to \$56,000.
 - vi. Misc.—License for aftercare could still take 30 more days. Contingency plan on starting an after school club.
Still looking into best way to do volunteer background checks.
5. Board Report & Action 7:38 pm
 - a. SAC Report—SAC has not met since July. Monday, Sept. 14 first meeting. SAC chair must be a parent (new chair is needed). They will need to work on Student Assignment Policy.

- b. Parent Council Report—working on Back to School Night, first week of school is first meeting and all officers will be replaced with new ones.
- c. Approval of Operational Recovery Plan: We should check to see if we can present when the CSI Board is meeting on our case. Motion to approve as edited-- Shannon. 2nd Greg. Motion passes.

6. Other Business

- a. Finish signing Board Member Agreements. Signed by all members.
- b. 20 Minute Board Training Session. On hold.
- c. Assignment of Training Tasks (Definition of Roles): Board members are responsible for using their own login to access their first training module with the goal of self-defining our roles for a future handbook.
- d. Grant Development. On hold.
- e. Executive Director Evaluation Report. On hold.
- f. Board Training with The League of Charter Schools update. We have to individually fill out long survey and consultant will access our needs.
- g. Board Recruitment. Two potential candidates, one with background in space education, non-profit, and public speaking, and the other is a business coach and marketing strategist.

7. Adjournment

- a. Remaining Board meetings: 9/17/15, 10/15/15, 11/19/15, 12/17/15, 1/21/16, 2/18/16, 3/17/16, 4/21/16, 5/19/16, 6/16/16
- b. Motion to adjourn: Greg, Shannon 2nd. Motion passes.