



Board of Directors August 2020 Special Meeting

August 11, 2020, 6:00pm

Agenda

Zoom Link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71874817156?pwd=V2c1N1BzeGNNcHJJEV3RsV25PRENSZz09>

Mission: Mountain Song Community School, as a member of the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education, is a public charter school that utilizes developmentally appropriate holistic education to nurture the body, mind, and heart of each student.

Attendees: Teresa E., Bill B., Tina H., Scott D., Binah R., Dan K., Laurel S., Alexandra K., Sarah K, Jamyong D., Jennifer B.

Absentees: Hilary H.,

Public: Amy P., Rachele G., Laura Rocca, Rita I., Eva J., Veronica B., Amber-joy T., Michelle and Rob, Katie T., Elizabeth A., Jesse R., Ashley P., Ozmur M., Stacie W, Nancy C., Jennifer McW.

6:00 I. Convene Meeting 6:04

- a. **Welcome**
- b. **Reading of Mission Statement**
- c. **Check In** Quick hello from Board Members
- d. **Approve Agenda**

Scott Moves to Approve Agenda; Scott Seconds.

6:05 **II. Public Comment** - Time limited to 2 minutes per speaker. Opportunity for public to provide comments, opinions, or observations direct to Board members. Please refrain from personal attacks or airing grievances: will refer all in attendance to the Mountain Song grievance policy for information. Not intended as a forum for debate or discussion. Board will hear comments and may direct action or follow up immediately or in a separate session as appropriate.

6:08: Amy P: appreciate Board, ELT, screen time is concerning for K, 1s. Prenda or MS curriculum?
Eva J: Surprised at lack of communication about meeting – causes tension. Amber-joy: Trust: definition, transparency; lack of communication about meeting concerning. Rita I: tough decision to make, knows dedication it takes to make a good Board. Communication is key. Need to include community in communication. Object to any vote. Jennifer McW: ... Nancy C: concerned about Prenda – don't know about it. Jesse R: concern that meeting wasn't announced widely. Prenda looks good but worried about "siphoning off" students. Within pedagogy? Our own microschoooling options. Ashley P: Hard to have an opinion on Prenda.

6:15 III. Continuing Business

- a. Presentation and Discussion re: Proposed Partnership with Prenda Microschool

6:26: MS relationship with Prenda would be a partnership, not a replacement for what MS is doing. More analogous to MS's relationship with Justice & Heritage Academy.

Rachelle Gibson from Prenda presented what Prenda is offering.

Q&A: Creating Waldorf-based pods possible. Q: Will Prenda will be pitched through Songbird? A: Don't know – seeking guidance from Board. Q: Will non-Waldorf name associated with Mountain Song affect branding, impressions of school? A: Good questions – Prenda would advertise as itself. Prenda does NOT replace MS remote learning; it operates as a standalone school with its own marketing and student recruitment. MS would simply provide administrative overhead for Prenda.

b. Vote on Pilot Partnership with Prenda

Tina: move to approve ELT to pursue partnership with Prenda on a one-year Pilot program. Second: Alexandra

Approved unanimously

6:50 **IV. Upcoming Dates Review**

a. Next Board Meeting 8/18/2020

b. Board Retreat 8/15/2020

6:55 **V. Adjourn Meeting**

7:32 Tina: Move to adjourn: Scott Second.

Approved unanimously.