

Mountain Sun Community School Board Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2018

Open Session

5:45-7:45 p.m.

Members Present: Michael, Dilshad, Jennifer (by phone), Lauren, Linda, Claudia, Melissa, Mary, and Brigid

Dilshad chaired the meeting and Linda recorded minutes.

Correction and approval of May open minutes

- There were 3 clarifications/corrections:
 - Under Transylvania County Natural Play Initiative Update add Family Place as a collaborator and correct the spelling of “collaboration”.
 - Under Executive Director report correct the spelling of Ellie Elzerman.

Faculty Report

- Brigid reported that the end of the year was very busy but all classrooms kept moving ahead to the final day.
- The end of year was celebrated by various classrooms with camp-outs, camp-ins and performances. Brigid expressed appreciation for how well the staff, Michael, the board and parents all work together to make this school possible.

Executive Director’s report

- The hourly-paid staff will be rehired after the 2018-19 budget is approved. Preliminary conversations have been held and all is in order for next year.
- There was limited response to the end-of-year feedback survey. Only 8 or 9 people replied.
- MSCS recently received a grant from the Pisgah Forest Rotary Club for \$500.
- Outreach efforts will continue through community events and newspaper articles. The T’Times sometimes prints articles that are submitted but not at other times.

Transylvania County Natural Play Initiative (TCNPI) update

- There were 10 new collaborative early childhood applications submitted to the United Way and two were fully-funded. The TCNPI was one of those two.
- The first year (FY2019) will be a site planning year and the beginning of program implementation. The 2nd year will include further development of the program. The approximate area for this project will be from Sonata Lake to Harmony Hall and the open space behind the dam.
- A good candidate for the AmeriCorps position has been interviewed but can’t be hired until June 25 or later due to the AmeriCorps timeline.
- The final contract with the planning group came in a bit higher than expected and they expect payment up front. Michael will negotiate with them, asking for quarterly payments as that coincides with when funds are received from United Way.

2018-19 Budget discussion and vote

- Michael and the Board carefully reviewed the FY19 budget notes, including a review of enrollment, staffing and expenses.
- A financial update for the school as of 6/14/18 was also reviewed.

- The 9-page detailed budget was reviewed with discussion and clarifications offered throughout the discussion.
- The Board unanimously approved the 2018-19 Budget.

Next meeting

The next Board meeting will be on August 7 or 8. Dilshad will send out a query to see which date will work best.

The meeting continued into closed session.

The meeting reconvened in open session.

The meeting was adjourned.