

Mountain Sun Community School Board

MEETING Minutes

Dec 6, 2016

Open Session

5:45-7:30pm

MSCS Campus at BMC

Members Present: Michael, Dilshad, Jennifer, Claudia, Joy, Harvest, Wendy, Lauren, Kim, and visitor, Melissa Peterson

Dilshad chaired the meeting and Jennifer recorded minutes.

Check in

Harvest led the board in an exercise to briefly explore the classroom experience.

Correction and approval of November minutes

The November minutes were approved with corrections.

Middle School

- The board discussed the benefits and risks of offering a Middle School program beginning in the 2017- 2018 school year, and some potential ways that program could be structured. The final decision will be made by consensus in closed session.
- Pending board approval, Michael is ready assemble a committee made up of approximately 5 people, including a board member, faculty member, parents, and perhaps the parent of a Mountain Sun graduate.
 - The committee would be formed within the next couple weeks, and the process of hiring a lead teacher will begin in January.

Following closed session, the board reconvened in open session with a motion to approve offering Middle School for the 2017-2018 school year. The motion was approved by consensus of a quorum of board members.

Strategic Plan timeline check-in with Lauren

- Lauren checked in with each board member regarding progress on their time-line to do lists. Lauren documented the status of each item. Most items on the timeline for fall are in process or completed.

TAG follow-up

- The committee has decided TAG will continue in some form as a fundraising event for MSCS.
- **The TAG committee will meet in January to create a proposal. Harvest will bring that proposal to the February board meeting and the board will decide how to proceed.**

Faculty Report

- Kim gave a report on each of the classroom activities.

Executive director report

Personnel matters

- Teachers have completed parent conferences.
- Teachers seem to be comfortable asking for what they need.
- Michael will talk with teachers in January to get a feel for commitment levels for next year.

Parent/staff feedback with a pulse on the community

- The parents created and walked in the Holiday Parade.
- The Community meeting had the highest turn-out of families yet.

Recruitment/retention update

- One otter student has left the school due to health problems and the family anticipates bringing her back next year. We have 2 new Monarch students. In January, there are 2 new primary students to start.
- Enrollment for 2017-18 begins in February.

Outreach

- Michael hopes to have a new website up by February.
- He also intends to redo our materials with the new logo within the next few months.
- Two Mountain Sun Morning events have been held with prominent community members attending. These events focus on introduction and cultivation of supporters.

Fundraising update

- The annual appeal was sent out last week. Already \$5771 has come in from that effort.

Finances

- Enrollment is currently at 78 students.
- We need to discuss spring fundraising events in the January meeting to finish out the events budget category.
- Net expenses are “better than budget.”
- Almost all families are current on tuition. Michael is in active discussion with families, as needed, to keep families current.

The meeting continued into closed session.