

Mountain Sun Community School Board

MEETING Minutes

Feb. 7, 2017

Open Session

5:45-7:45pm

MSCS Campus at BMC

Members Present: Michael, Dilshad, Jennifer, Claudia, Lauren, Joy, Kim, Mary, Melissa, and Linda

Dilshad chaired the meeting and Jennifer recorded minutes.

Check In

- The Board members spoke about what they love in the classrooms at MSCS and how to demonstrate that to others.

Middle School

- Michael and committee members have visited middle school programs at French Broad River Academy, Rainbow Community School, Hanger Hall, Arthur Morgan, and Anderson Montessori. The visits have been productive and resulted in establishing good contacts.
- The Middle School committee and Michael have hosted 2 well-attended meetings with parents. The second meeting included Monarch students. Both meetings were positive and families were active participants in the discussion.

Tuition Approval

- Enrollment begins this month. Michael estimates that enrollment next year will be between 70-90.
- Michael proposes a 4% increase, which on a [monthly plan is about \\$27 more a month per child](#).
- He proposes that we offer preschool only as a 5 day option.
- An increase in tuition is necessary to fill immediate needs and to continue to work toward the goals put forth in the Strategic Plan.
- The enrollment agreement for 2017-18 will include a signature line for 2 parents and very clearly specifies the responsibility for full year tuition.
- **The board approves a 4% tuition increase for 2017-18. Preschool tuition will be \$4,600 and Kindergarten and up tuition will be \$7,600.**
- **The board approves dropping the 2 and 3 day preschool options and only offering 5 days.**

Book Fair

- Michael is coordinating with Highland Books for a Book Fair. The kick off for the event will be April 2 at the Spring Community Meeting.

Spring Community Meeting

- The meeting will be April 2 from around 3:00-6:00 at Straus Hall with a potluck and childcare.
- The activity for the meeting will be a Mountain Sun Experience. Parents will move through each of the classrooms and view a demonstration of each class.
- The board will also introduce new members and explain the Class Buddies program.

- **Dilshad will send out a “Save the Date.”**

Events

- The Raffle tickets will go out in the first week of March. The drawing will take place at school the week after the consignment sale with students drawing for the winners.
- The Chili Cookoff is February 18 and will be a fundraiser for the Sharing House “Power Up” program.
- TAG plans are still in motion. Michael is talking with organizers in the community to coordinate with other existing events. TAG is expected to be in the spring of 2018.
- Science Fair will be March 31.

Strategic Plan Check in

- Lauren went through the timeline for Strategic Plan goals for the month to assess progress. Most projects are in motion.

Faculty Report

- Kim Skeen presented the report on the classroom activities for the month.

Executive Director Report

- Faculty Work Day was very productive in clarifying curriculum aligning with the core actions they developed.
- Elizabeth Bahnson will not be teaching music for us next year. Michael is already considering other candidates.
- Employment agreements will go out in March.
- Michael is actively meeting with prospective families in preparation for open enrollment beginning in March.
- Two students left the school this month. Their family made the decision to home school. Michael met with them for an exit interview and the feedback they gave about the school was positive.
- Michael continues to be involved with community organizations. The VISION group will be visiting this week.
- There will be a couple more Mountain Sun Morning events.
- The website has been created and will continue to expand. It will be online as of tomorrow.
- New t-shirts will come out this semester.

Financial Report

- Michael reports that expenses are on track.
- There are no past due tuition dollars for this school year.

The meeting continued in closed session.

