



Board of Directors
Regular Monthly Meeting

March 19, 2013 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
601 N. Tejon St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903

APPROVED on 04-22-2013

VERSE - "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." William Butler Yeats

1. Call to Order

- a. Roll Call - : Neah Douglas, Laurie Ristig, Rita Issagholian, Melanie Chadwick, Gary Feffer, Jeff Evans, Raj Solanki, Eva Manz-Jackson, Linda Johnson; Elise Bowan – absent with advance notice; Martin Schneider – arrived late with advance notice
- b. Public Comment - none
- c. Motion to approve Feb. 11, 2013 Minutes without any changes– 1st – Linda Johnson, 2nd – Laurie Ristig. Motion passes.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC – C.R.S. Section 24-6-402(4)(a)

- a. **Board members, School Director and Site Committee and advisor** - Whittier Site lease terms, room by room use or building, discussion and input

3. Operational Business

- a. Motion to go forward with the lease negotiations for Whittier Elementary School as presented. 1st - Raj, 2nd – Laurie. Motion passes.
- b. Motion to hire Neah Douglas as School Director as the offer letter is written. 1st – Eva Manz-Jackson, 2nd – Linda Johnson. Motion passes.
- c. Preschool Committee Report by Eva – Preschool has been put on hold for the first year because Whittier cannot accommodate a preschool in compliance with the current regulations. Also, given D11's future plans for Whittier and the seeming temporary nature of our tenancy at Whittier, the stability of our preschool families would be compromised.
- d. Hiring Committee by Neah – Brief report re candidate pool and status of interview process. Vote on salary range for teachers and staff will occur at next board meeting.

- e. Enrollment Committee by Neah - Lottery applicants were sent notification if they are accepted in a class or on the wait list. Second tracks for 1st and 2nd grade considered, but applicants may not be notified until our lease is secured.
- f. Nutrition & Wellness Committee by Neah - Data collection on free/reduced lunch is underway. Wellness committee members are looking into regulatory issues should we do a self-operational lunch program. D11 and Revolution Foods are also being considered to provide school lunches.

4. Board News and Training

- a. 501(c)(3) application status – to be submitted in second week of April
- b. Motion to make the official school name registered with the IRS “Mountain Song Community School, a Waldorf-methods Charter.” 1st – Laurie Ristig, 2nd – Eva Manz-Jackson. Motion passes.
- c. Training Board Modules 7 thru 9 – discussed suggested questions in guide
- d. Meeting with Rainbow Rosenbloom– April 7th via Skype. Presentation on three-fold approach to governance. Also looking into booking George Hoffecker or Donna Burgess as possible consultants.
- e. Need to recruit treasurer – To be posted on Facebook and e-newsletter.

5. Adjournment

- a. Next Board meeting: Monday, April 22nd @6pm – Grace Church.
- b. Motion to adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.