



Board of Directors  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
May 21, 2013 6:00 – 8:00 pm  
Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
601 N. Tejon St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**AGENDA**

**Mission Statement** – Dedication to the Conscious Evolution of the Whole Child – MSCS is a community of families and educators dedicated to the conscious evolution of the whole child utilizing developmentally appropriate holistic education that nurtures body, mind and heart. Our aim is to bring forth healthy, confident, free-thinking, self-directed children who are passionately engaged with their education and empowered to contribute positively to the world.

**Vision Statement** – MSCS is an educational community committed to the healthy growth and development of the whole child. Health includes the physical, emotional, and social realms. Through a curriculum inspired by Waldorf methods, our teachers nurture the imagination in the early years, building a foundation for abstract thinking, gradually and appropriately challenging the intellect throughout the grades. Equal emphasis is placed on a solid academic program, artistic expression, social development and attention to the inner life and natural rhythms of the child. MSCS is committed to creating a healthy community which reflects and supports our common values. Children develop social responsibility and feel a greater sense of significance in a small, supportive environment which promotes close long-term relationships with classmates and teachers. In an atmosphere of respectful clear communication, cooperation and parent participation, children flourish and grow to be healthy, capable, contributing human beings. Teaching children to care for and respect the earth encourages global responsibility and promotes environmentally conscious living. The celebration of seasonal festivals is vital as children joyously experience the earth's natural cycles. By reducing or eliminating exposure to electronic media and encouraging a cooperative rather than a competitive milieu, a child's inherent creative and intellectual abilities unfold naturally. Teaching is presented to children in a way which fills both teacher and student with wonder, reverence and enthusiasm.

1. Call to Order – 6:00 – 6:10
  - a. Roll Call
  - b. Read Mission and Vision Statements
  - c. Public Comment ( 3 min per speaker)
  - d. Approval of April 22, 2013 Minutes
  
2. Operational Business – 6:10 – 7:05
  - a. Director's Report – **Neah**
    - i. Enrollment
    - ii. Hiring
    - iii. Budget review (**vote in June**)
    - iv. Facilities Committee and preparing for the move in
    - v. Insurance: property and benefits – HELP needed with these tasks

- vi. Professional Development and the hybrid program at RSC
  - vii. Outreach/Marketing
    - 1. 5/25 – A Day in May event needs (Laurie/Caren/Melanie)
    - 2. 6/1 – Nancy Blanning on Play-Based Early Childhood Education
    - 3. 6/15 – Table at bazaar at Unity of the Rockies
  - viii. Time, Talent, Treasure survey to recruit committee members from community
  - ix. Next steps to get ready to open school - timeline
3. Board News and Training 7:05 – 7:55
- a. Board appointments - **Rita**
    - i. New candidates for the 2013 - 2016 term:
      - 1. Kim Arnes
      - 2. Melanie Chadwick
      - 3. Sandra Johnson- Benning
    - ii. Returning members – identify length of service – 1, 2, or 3 years
      - 1. Rita Issagholian
      - 2. Raj Solanki
      - 3. Laurie Ristig
      - 4. Eva Manz-Jackson
      - 5. Marty Schneider
    - iii. Members leaving : Linda (as of May 22); Elise (June 30)
    - iv. Officers on the board: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer
  - b. **Vote on Appointment of board members for next board term** – need super majority vote of the Board, i.e., at least two-thirds affirmative votes of the total number of board members serving on the Board at that time at any regular or special meeting at which a quorum is present.
  - c. Training Board Modules 13 thru 15 – lead discussion on suggested questions in guide (**Raj** - 10 min)
  - d. CCSP grant required training:
    - i. Board President’s Council Webinar of 5/10 (**Laurie** – 5 minutes)
    - ii. Regional Board Training on June 7<sup>th</sup> (Laurie will attend)
    - iii. Next 4 hours of training thru CO League for CCSP Technical piece – Neah to talk with Gina Schlieman re completion after June 30.
  - e. Scheduling June working session to review select sections of our charter contract
  - f. Defining committees beyond Executive Committee, Finance Committee, School Accountability Committee and Charter Renewal and Statutory Oversight Committee. Working session in June with Rita, Neah and Christa Valdez – who else from board would like to attend?
4. Adjournment
- a. Next Board meeting: June 17 (M), 18 (Tue) or 20 (Thurs)?
  - b. Motion to adjourn