



Board of Directors - Regular Monthly Meeting

June 18, 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 – **Kim & Sandra**
 - c. Public Comment (3 min per speaker)
 - d. Approval of May 21, 2013 Minutes

2. Operational Business – 6:10 – 7:40
 - a. Director's Report – **Neah and those listed**
 - i. 2013-14 budget – review and **vote** (20 min)
 - ii. CCSP grant management – on track to receive \$215k for Y1? Extension? (5 min)
 - iii. Enrollment – survey results, status of student handbook (5 min)
 - iv. Hiring – new hires, vacant positions, status of employee handbook (5 min)
 - v. Employee Benefits plan – status, start date? (5 min)
 - vi. Facilities Committee – move in plan, planned use, parking/gardening, ADA issue – **Laurie, Neah, Melanie, Rita** (30 min)

- vii. Insurance: Bus. Property, liability, workers' comp – **Rita** (5 min)
- viii. 501(c)(3) application mailed on June 5, 2013
- ix. Time, Talent, Treasure survey results (5 min)
- x. Open house in August – **Sandra** (5 min)

3. Board News and Training 7:40 – 7:55

- a. Elise's term ends – THANK YOU!
- b. Regular meetings form July 1 – June 30 term:
 - i. 2nd or 4th Wednesday of the month?
 - ii. 2nd, 3rd or 4th Thursday of the month?
- c. Working session to review select sections of our charter contract postponed to August
- d. July Board meeting – we'll review the Board Member Agreement and sign it. Please review on Google Doc.
- e. June 23 – Meeting to define committees. Those attending so far are Rita, Neah, Raj (via Skype), Eva, Sandra, Melanie & Christa Valdez – who else from board or staff would like to attend?
 - i. Already expressed interest in serving on
 - 1. Festivals Committee – Eva Manz-Jackson & Linda Johnson
 - 2. Outreach Committee – Elise Bowan

4. Adjournment

- a. Next Board meeting: July 18 (Th), July 22 (M), July 24 (W), July 25 (Th)
6 – 8 pm @ ***Mountain Song Community School*** 2904 W. Kiowa St. ☺
- b. Motion to adjourn