

## Minutes 1-11-2016 SAC

A Climate Survey went out to the community this week and will be completed by January 15. This is part of the SAC's commitment to maintain contact with the school community as recommended by Colorado Department of Education guidelines. It is also a tool for the Executive Director's evaluation process. Another climate survey with more specific questions regarding MSCS will come out in the spring.

The music program's fundraising solicitation yielded about \$1,200. The committee identified a few more approaches to keep the channels open including providing a concert at the school for donations to the program. Donation reminders and photos are front and center on the school's website with plenty of information on the positive effects of music for educational and personal development.

### Director's Report:

There are no changes at this time on the UIP progress. The process is on track until the next review by the school's authorizers. The current focus is on putting together a strong portfolio to track student progress and identify the strengths and differences that define Mountain Song Community School. To have more complete information about the scope and intention of Waldorf education, people can read *Task and Content of Waldorf Curriculum*. The newest edition will be available this month and can be found online.

The Parent Council will focus its fundraising efforts this year on teacher training. It is identifying multiple training programs and community building activities to increase understanding of Mountain Song's educational objectives.

The Pedagogical Director and staff are working on several ways to improve instruction, align curriculum, and measure student growth. These methods and documents will also help to create a portfolio of assessments for CSI. The evaluation formats, rubrics for report cards, and staff expectation forms are undergoing revision and approval.

The testing schedule will begin next week, The schedule was sent to parents through email and newsletters.

### Upcoming:

Updates on the farm will be ongoing through blogs and web pages, including news and photos of student participation. Angelita Surage reported that there have been many improvements besides the new chicken coop. Seed donations, grants, and waivers of fees are part of the contributions made to the farm.

A townhall meeting in February will help community members get information and voice questions. Committees will explain their functions so parents can become more involved and fulfill volunteer commitments.

The School Board is examining measures to institute an Academic Excellence Committee. After reviewing the description and responsibilities of this committee, the SAC determined this is not in its purview.

There is interest in having Peter Hilts conduct another strategic planning session with staff and board members.

In attendance: Raj Solanki, Angelita Surage, Debie Bennett, Mona Cousino, Shannon Root, Jennifer Barnes, Kasey Smith.

Next meeting: March 14, 2016, from 6-7:30 p.m.