



## Board of Directors - Regular Monthly Meeting

*September 18, 2014 6:00 – 8:00 pm*

2904 W. Kiowa St., Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Room #20 on lower level

### 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. Check in & read Mission and Vision Statements
2. Approval of August 21, 2014 Minutes
3. Public Comment ( 3 min per speaker)
4. Operational Business
  - a. Director's Report (6:10 – 7:00) – **Evelyn**
    - i. School Improvement
    - ii. Development
    - iii. Aftercare program
    - iv. Strings program
  - b. Financial report (**Scott**)

5. Committee Reports (7:00 – 7:25)
  - a. Facilities Committee – **Melanie**
  - b. Development Committee
  - c. Other active committees
  - d. Proposal for Policy & Procedures Committee
  
6. Board report and action (7:25 – 7:55)
  - a. Non-Violent Communication training - **Melanie**
  - b. Administration/Board communication - **Rita**
  - c. Waldorf certification - **Rita**
  - d. Staff and Parent Handbooks – subcommittee to review & finalize - **Rita**
  - e. Board Fundamentals & update re on line board training modules- **Grian**
  - f. Study of charter application and charter school governing board handbook
  
8. Adjournment
  - g. Remaining Board meetings – 10/16/2014; 11/20/2014; 1/15/2014; 2/19/2014; 3/19/2014; 4/16/2014; 5/21/2014; 6/18/2014
  - h. Motion to adjourn