



Board of Directors Meeting

February 16, 2021, 6:00 pm

Minutes

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Mission: Mountain Song Community School, as a member of the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education, is a public charter school that utilizes developmentally appropriate holistic education to nurture the body, mind, and heart of each student.

Attendees: Binah Reiss, Scott Deibert, Dan Kurschner, Teresa Woods, Sarah Kreger, Jennifer Barnes, Alexandra Kogan, Rebecca Kilibarda

Absentees: Bill Burkett (excused)

Public: Danielle D'Fiennes, Katie Hopkins, Chris Scott (G&G), Kaye Taavialma (MPW), Matt Wasserman (MPW), Holly Sucharski.

6:05 I. Convene Meeting (check quorum)

a. **Welcome/Reading of Mission Statement**

b. **Check In: List one reason why you volunteer on the Board**

6:15 II. Approve Agenda

Scott moves to strike Vb. from the agenda. Alexandra seconded. Passed unanimously.

Scott moves to approve amended agenda. Binah seconded. Passed unanimously.

6:16 III. Consent Agenda (associated items in Meeting Folder)

a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes of 2021-02-02

b. Acknowledge receipt of January 2021 financial report

c. Vote to Approve ELT Goals

Scott moves to approve Consent Agenda. Rebecca seconded. Passed unanimously.

6:18 IV. Public Comment - Time limited to 2 minutes per speaker. Opportunity for the public to provide comments, opinions, or observations directly to Board members. Please refrain from personal attacks or airing grievances: will refer all in attendance to the Mountain Song Grievance Policy for information. Not intended as a forum for debate or discussion. Board will hear comments and may direct action or follow up immediately or in a separate session as appropriate.

No Public Comment.

6:18 V. Continuing Business

a. Financials-Chris Scott from G&G presentation (10 minutes)

Chris Scott presented the January 2021 Financials. Income does not include an \$80,000 grant from the Wend Foundation that has been secured, and estimating at least \$150,000 of a forgivable grant from the PPP. Projecting the school will in the end have about a \$100,000 deficit rather than an over \$400,000 deficit.

~~b. Vote to Approve Revised Budget~~

c. Make Philanthropy Work Presentation (45 minutes)

Matt Wasserman and Kaye Taavialma presented a plan for a Mountain Song capital campaign based on their readiness and feasibility study conducted over the last few months. Slide deck is in the board packet.

d. 7:31 ELT Verbal Report

Sarah -- lottery was Tuesday, opened up 106 spaces -- contacted families, following up, online registration portal; meeting with Matt and Kaye; MTSS meetings with teachers; Finance Committee; news stories; deciding on software for student IEPs and 504s as our current one will not be in the state system -- migrating data from one system to another. Dan -- staffing -- finding substitutes for staff with symptoms, recruiting more substitutes as we move into in-person; working with Chris Scott -- funding -- grants, bonds - long term funding; vaccination sources - coordinated with individual who opened up staff to King Sooper's pharmacy; worked with state to procure COVID rapid home-based testing. Teresa -- like other ELT members, working hard with MPW; details of Charter Contract and waivers; worked with 5-8 teachers to agree on a return to school after spring break; vaccination opportunities for staff; met with area groups of teachers; IEP meetings; meeting with teachers (26) one-on-one to discuss self-evaluations and goals; Waldorf training this Thursday and Friday -- teachers in Gradalis program, and TW preparing and conducting in-house Waldorf training; faculty approved of creating the Teacher Leadership Council.

e. COVID/ Return to School Updates

Updates were reported in ELT verbal report.

f. Discussion and Vote to Approve Charter Contract Renewal

The contract was reviewed. Scott moved to approve the CSI Charter Renewal Contract. Binah seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

g. Vote to approve revised Waivers

The revised waiver applications were reviewed.

Scott moved to approve the following waiver applications:

C.R.S § 22-7-1014(2)(a) Preschool Individualized Readiness Plans – School Readiness – Assessments

C.R.S. § 22-33-105(7)(b) Process for Disciplinary Appeals

C.R.S. § 22-63-201 Employment Certificate required.

Alexandra seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

h. Acknowledgement of Resignation of Hilary Hoekenga, Treasurer.
Jennifer recognized Hilary's resignation, and many expressed deep gratitude for her service.

i. Committee Report Discussion as Needed
No discussion was requested. Jennifer - based on the report of MPW - will be sending out thoughts on forming a Capital Campaign.

7:58 **VI. New Business**

8:06 **IX. Adjourn Meeting**

Scott moves to adjourn the meeting. Binah seconded. Passed unanimously.

Upcoming Dates Review

- a. Upcoming MSCS Staff Meeting - Wednesdays 3:30-5 p.m.
- b. Next Board Meeting - Tuesday March 2 at 6:00 p.m.
- c. Grants Committee Meeting - February 21 at 11:00 a.m. on zoom
- d. Parent Council Meeting:
- e. Festivals Meeting:
- f. Health and Wellness/Hospitality Meeting:
- g. Governance Committee: TBD
- h. Futures Committee: 4th Tuesday of each month 3:30-5:00 p.m.
- i. School Accountability Committee (SAC): February 22 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- j. Development Committee: TBD
- k. ELT Support and Evaluation Committee: TBD
- l. Executive Committee: Tuesday March 9 at 3:30pm
- m. Finance Committee: March 12, 2021 2:00 p.m.