

**Mountain Song Community School
School Accountability Committee (SAC) Meeting
September 14, 2015; 2:45 pm – 4:15 pm
Location: Small conference room, MSCS**

Attendees

Mary Ann Corey (Chair), Sarah White (Registrar/School Performance Manager), Raj Solanki (Director), Sandra Benning (Board), Shannon Lang (Teacher), Nate Siebert (Parent), Angelita Surage (Teacher/Student Support Coordinator), Debbie Bennet (Guardian/Community)

Materials Provided:

Agenda

Director's Report to the MSCS Board of Directors

Sample SAC Bylaws

Old Business:

Parent Survey Results

The SAC discussed the responses from the annual survey sent to the MSCS community in June 2015. The major areas of concern recurrent in many of the responses identified the need for consistent and frequent communication from the administration and board of education regarding the school's turnaround status plan and approaches to discipline. Other responses stemmed from parent's concern about the quality of the education provided at Mountain Song and whether MSCS was preparing the students for the next step in their education.

Based on these responses, the SAC agreed to recommend to the MSCS Board that the school develop a comprehensive communication plan to address all levels of communication for teachers and administration. The plan would be used to address the turnaround status, Waldorf-methods, assessments, plans for addressing discipline (Three Stream Process), and other pertinent issues. The SAC also recommended that the school newsletters include information about what the school is doing academically and how the school will be successful going forward as well as the other issues mentioned above. It was recommended that ElizaBeth Wildemaan should provide information to the parents about how the Waldorf-methods in the classroom improve student success.

New Business:

New SAC Chair

MaryAnn cannot continue to chair the SAC since she will be co-teaching in Shannon Lang's class starting in October. Debi Bennett will be interim chair until the Chair is designated and will send notices/agendas for the next upcoming meetings. MaryAnn will continue as a SAC member in Shannon Lang's position. Angelita will be continuing on the SAC to represent teachers.

SAC Meeting Time

Other parents (i.e., Staci French, Kasey Smith, Athena Rehorst) offered to participate in the SAC, but cannot meet during business hours. The SAC agreed to move the SAC meeting time to **6:00-7:30 pm** instead of the regularly scheduled times. Sarah will modify these times on the website.

UIP meeting prior to UIP being written

The SAC Must hold a public meeting prior to and after the development of the draft Unified Improvement Plan. The first UIP public meeting will be on **Monday, October 12 at 6:30-8:00pm**. The SAC agreed to change the next UIP meeting to **November 16 at 6:30-8:00 pm**. The public is welcome to provide input to the development and review of the UIP.

Raj, Mary Ann and Debbie will attend UIP training at Banning Lewis Ranch on 9/22/15 to learn about how to educate and communicate to the community about the UIP.

Other:

Raj previously asked the SAC to make a recommendation for the \$50,000 of additional funds to be anticipated to available at the beginning of the school year. The SAC agreed the funds should be used toward the hiring of a school counselor. However, Raj informed the SAC that the funds had already been appropriated for the 1st grade assistant, the kindergarten afternoon aid and reading intervention.

Raj briefly discussed that most of the grades completed the Beginning of Year MAP reading assessment. He reported that the Grades 5 -7 READ Scores were not as bad this year as anticipated, with most grades showing around 72% for average and higher.

Next Actions:

- MSCS Board of Directors meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at 6:00 pm
- First public UIP meeting on October 12, 2015 at 6:30 pm
- Second public UIP meeting on November 16, 2015 at 6:30 pm