



Board of Directors Special Meeting
June 18, 2015 6:00-10:55 pm
2904 W Kiowa St, Colorado Springs, CO 80904

Minutes

1. Call to order -
 - a. 6:11, one word check in
 - b. Introduction Raj Solanki as the new director of Mountain Song Community School
 - c. Motion to approve the agenda. Motion: Eva Manz-Jackson. 2nd: Molly Orendorff.
Motion passes.
2. Motion to approve the May 21, 2015 and March 18, 2015 minutes. Motion: Jennifer Barnes. 2nd: Sandra Benning. Motion passes.
3. Public Comment
4. Operational Report

Director's Report

Transitioning to new Director: Raj Solanki will officially start on July 1, 2015. He has been transitioning in and working with Angelita Surage and Dan Kurshner, as well as our new Pedagogical Director ElizaBeth Wildemaan (via phone). ElizaBeth will be here next week from June 22-24 and permanently after July 5, 2015.

Power School-- data management needs to be worked on. We will eventually transition away from Power School to make sure CSI receives our data. Infinite Campus and Illuminate are being considered.

Communication and Data Management are on the top of Raj's list, to create a culture of fidelity.

Hiring update: We are still looking for a Kindergarten lead teacher and three assistants. Applicants need to be highly qualified. Interviews are in process. Raj would like to hire an after care assistant, if we get certified.

New hires so far: 1st grade: Debbie Ellington, 4th grade: Gwendolyn Cedeno, 5th grade: 6th grade: Lance May, ELLGT/SPED Yvonne Peru, Reading Specialist: Leslie Conrad

CSI deadlines were emailed, are being addressed. CSI wants to see a schedule when we are implementing changes. Next closest deadline: Curriculum and Instruction (7/10).

Our curriculum needs to be standards based and aligned and show that we are following our charter. ElizaBeth is working on this.

Other issues being addressed are Governance, Student Programs (Yvonne), School Safety (Dan and Sarah; Jesse Rochette has taken the NEMS-Training), Performance Evaluations, and Assessments.

Finance Report (G&G)

We are performing exactly as projected. We need to make sure we have our needed enrollment. All bills are being paid on time. G&G feels that we are moving forward in a positive way and are giving us a new contract. They will help with our auditing and are training Dan so that in October they can start working with us in an oversight position. The audit has been scheduled. G&G will comply with all CSI dates.

Motion to approve the financials as presented. Motion: Jennifer Barnes, 2nd: Sandra Benning. Motion passes.

5. Board Report & Action

Committee Updates

SAC - see SAC report. The SAC calendar for the 2015/16 school year is up on the web site, as well as the SAC meeting minutes. The SAC meetings are open to the public. An informational meeting with families is planned regarding possible retaining of students.

The SAC is looking for new members, at least one PC member and one parent. Meetings are every other month. Melanie asking for strong Board presence on the SAC and a strong Board - SAC - connection.

Parent Council

Three formal get togethers are planned for this summer. PC got a tab on the web site, but there is no information on there yet.

Vote: New Board Members--

Motion to appoint Mark Corey to the Governing Board at MSCS. Motion: Jennifer Barnes, 2nd: Sandra Benning. Motion passes.

Motion to appoint Allen Johnson to the Governing Board at MSCS. Motion: Jennifer Barnes,

2nd: Sandra Benning. Motion does not pass.

Yay: Melanie Chadwick, Sandra Benning, Jennifer Barnes.

Nay: Molly Orendorff

Motion to appoint Shannon Root to the Governing Board at MSCS. Motion: Jennifer Barnes, 2nd: Sandra Benning. Motion passes.

Motion to appoint Michael Katzenberg to the Governing Board at MSCS. Motion: Jennifer Barnes, 2nd: Sandra Benning. Motion passes.

Annual Appeal will be addressed in the fall. Shannon and Jennifer will start a 10-10-10 campaign.

Motion to approve the Financial Policies. Motion: Jennifer Barnes, 2nd: Sandra Benning. Motion passes.

Motion to approve the Staff Handbook. Motion: Jennifer Barnes, 2nd: Sandra Benning. Motion passes.

6. Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel matters C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)(a)-(f) and to invite Raj into Executive Session. Motion: Eva Manz-Jackson, 2nd: Jennifer Barnes. Motion passes. The Board enters Executive Session at 10:37 pm and leaves Executive Session at 10:54 pm.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. Motion: Eva Manz-Jackson, 2nd: Sandra Benning. Motion passes. The Board adjourned at 10:56 pm.