



Board of Directors - Regular Monthly Meeting

January 16, 2014 6:00 – 8:00 pm

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

Room #20 on the 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. Roll Call - **one word** check-in to express current state of being + **one sentence** to describe an experience from the holiday break that you cherish.
 - b. Read **Mission Statement** – **Sandra**
 - c. Public Comment (3 min per speaker)
 - d. Approval of November 21, 2013 Minutes

2. Operational Business
 - a. Treasurer's Report (6:10 – 6:40)
 - i. Update on revised budget, actuals, balance sheet – **Angela, Neah & Kim**
(Review and **vote** if ready to do so)
 - ii. Internal Controls – **Angela & Kim**
 1. School-Issued Credit Card Agreement

2. Purchasing/Reimbursement Procedures

- b. Director's Report (6:40 – 7:10) – **Neah**
 - i. Enrollment (current vs. Oct 1 count)
 - ii. PTO policy (Review proposed changes and **vote** if ready)
 - iii. Parent Handbook – staff and board feedback
 - iv. HR – new hires:
 - a. Pedagogical Director (Prairie Adams)
 - b. Handwork Assistant (Carrie Miller)
 - v. School Tours before open enrollment
 - a. Jan 30 & 31 and Feb 1 at 9 and 11 am
 - vi. Strings program
 - vii. School Community
 - viii. Alliance for Public Waldorf Education Conference (Jan. 17 – 19)
 - ix. Colorado League of Charter Schools (Feb. 20 & 21)
 - x. Waldorf Conference at Mountain Phoenix (Feb. 12 – 14)
 - c. School Committees (7:10 – 7:30)
 - i. Facilities – **Laurie/Melanie**
 - 1. Strategic planning meeting – still needed?
 - 2. Classroom Furniture update
 - ii. Parent Council – **Eva/Rita**
 - d. College of Teacher's Chair's Report (7:30 – 7:35)– **Christa**
 - i. Is Christa remaining as non-voting member of the board in light of hiring pedagogical director?
- ## 3. Board News and Training (7:35 – 7:55)
- a. CCSP Technical Assistance for the Board – one more session! See TA Jan – June 2014 Events for Board on Google Drive. Link shared in 1/12/2014 email re 1/16/2014 board meeting. Also, see <https://drive.google.com/?tab=mo&authuser=0#folders/0BxniBFcQMGYER0RIZGliv2VCRFU>
 - b. Online board training
 - i. Online Board Training modules for February
 - 1. Melanie – Professional Development
 - 2. Laurie – Grant Writing
 - 3. Eva - Communication
 - ii. Online Board Training modules presentation on Jan. 16:
 - 1. Special Education – **Marty**
 - 2. Data Driven Decision Making – **Marty**
 - 3. Charter School Waivers – **Raj**
- ## 4. Adjournment
- a. Remaining Board meetings:
2014 - 2/20, 3/20, 4/17, 5/15, 6/19
 - b. Motion to adjourn