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## *Mountain Song Community School Board of Directors' Newsletter*

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### Next Meeting:

Thursday, July 23rd @ 6pm

### JULY SPECIAL MEETING

**THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2015 5:00PM**

This was a working meeting to select our new officers, evaluate our progress in addressing CSI requirements, and check in on our committees. Clearly, things are tracking along nicely. The school has hired several teachers with solid public school experience, and we are moving forward in other areas to ensure that we will have a successful school year.

First, we had committee updates. The Director Evaluation Committee is being formed and Sandra Johnson-Benning has taken on the task of working with CSI and the Colorado League of Charter Schools on rubrics and policies. The SAC (School Advisory Committee) is in the process of getting someone from Parent Council to be on their committee. The Finance Committee is meeting monthly the week before regular meeting and has worked diligently to ensure that fiscal policies are in place with help of G&G. Parent Council has not met this summer.

Next, we voted on our new officers. Jennifer Barnes was voted in as President, Shannon Root as Vice President, Michael Katzenberg as Secretary, and Greg Augspurger was reelected Treasurer. Special thanks goes to Melanie Chadwick for all the hard work she did as our former president. Thanks also to all of our former board members. Unfortunately, Mark Corey was not able to accept a position on the board, so we are still looking for additional board members. If you are interested in joining the board, please contact Michael Katzenberg at [mkatzenberg@mountainsongschool.com](mailto:mkatzenberg@mountainsongschool.com) for an application.

A preliminary Director's Report was submitted by Angelita Correa Surrage since Raj Solanki was attending the Antioch University Leadership Training at the time of the meeting. However, Ray recently posted the official report on the 8<sup>th</sup>. You can read the report at the following link, or on the Mountain Song website under the Administration heading: <http://mountainsongschool.com/wp-content/uploads/Directors-Report-7815.pdf>

A completed application for After Care Licensing was sent to the state on July 1<sup>st</sup> and it will likely take 60-90 days to process application.

Raj also reported hiring a third kindergarten teacher as well as new teachers for 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Finally, a comprehensive assessment schedule was submitted for the 2015-16 school year. The AimsWeb Assessment Complete was purchased with the third year grant funding as a K-7 diagnostic tool and the TR/GOLD paper version will address the kindergarten readiness mandate. Our new Pedagogical Coordinator, Elizabeth Wildemann, was briefed on the state requirements, and she is also working on the Aligned Curriculum concern. Yvonne Peru and Lauren Martinez are addressing the School Programs (ELL/GATE) and RTI process. Dan Kurschner, our new Business Manager, is also making sure that we are meeting all safety requirements and that our existing Behavior and Discipline policy will be included in the Parent Handbook.

During our next board meeting, we will be discussing the new policy for students changing teachers. SAC drew up guidelines due to the issues that occurred when a student changed classrooms.

Starting in August, Board meetings will return to the schedule of the third Thursday of the month at 6pm.

***We hope that everyone continues to have a wonderful summer!***