

Mountain Village Montessori Charter School
27285 Brandon Circle
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487
Governing Board Special Session
September 19, 2017

Our Mission:

To inspire each child to learn and grow as a responsible global citizen in a collaborative, peaceful, and safe environment through the proven methods of Montessori education. As a school of choice, Mountain Village Montessori Charter School is a place for students, families, and teachers to grow together as a community. MVMCS aims to develop responsible, self-directed and resilient children who become life-long learners and creative problem solvers.

Our Vision:

Mountain Village Montessori Charter School creates a respectful, safe, nurturing and diverse educational community where students, staff, parents and community members collaborate to become empowered, enriched, challenged, resilient and prepared individuals meeting the demands of an ever-changing society.

In Attendance:

Jeff Merage (Chair)
Jason Gilligan (Treasurer)
Leslie Gumbrecht (Secretary)
Mike Morris
Emily Barnhart
Kristen Rockford
Michael Girodo (Head of School)
Kate Godley (Director of Business and Finance)

Action Items:

- Who will update the Board information on the MVMCS webpage? Julie or Mike?
- Kristin will compose a letter to families announcing her resignation from the Board and welcoming Jeff as the new Board Chair.
- Who will inform CSI of the amendment to the Bylaws? Mike or Leslie?
- Jeff will inform new Board Members (Alissa Merage, Adam Wright, and Mona Gibson) of the election results.

Minutes:

- I. **Call to Order:** 6:37pm
- II. **Agenda Review:** Kristin moves to approve agenda. Jason seconds. Board approves.
- III. **Public Comment:** None.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Not discussed.
- V. **Governance:**
 - a. *Voting on changes to Bylaws*
 - i. **Increase size of Governing Board:**

1. After discussion by the Board, Mike moves to change the language of the Bylaws (Article III Section 2) to increase the maximum size of the Governing Board from seven voting Board Members to nine voting Board Members. Jason seconds. Board approves.
2. After discussion by the board, Kristin moves to change the language of the Bylaws (Article III Section 2) from “one non-voting faculty representative” to “up to two non-voting representatives appointed by the Head of School”. Jason seconds. Board approves.
- ii. **Adjust Board Member Term Limits:** After discussion by the Board, Jason moves to change the language of the Bylaws (Article III Section 5) to increase the Board Member term limit from two years to three years. (NOTE: Election of officers will still occur on a yearly basis.) Mike seconds. Board approves.
- iii. **Proxy Voting:** After discussion by the Board, Jason moves to change the language of the Bylaws (Article IV Section 8) to include the term “by proxy” when determining what constitutes quorum. Mike seconds. Board approves.

VI. **Board Recruitment**

a. *Voting on new Board Members:*

- i. **Alissa Mirage:** (NOTE: Jeff recuses himself and abstains from the vote to avoid a potential conflict of interest.) After discussion by the Board, Jason nominates Alissa as a Board Member. Emily seconds. Board approves. (Jeff returns at the discussion’s close.)
- ii. **Adam Wright:** After discussion by the Board, Jason nominates Adam as a Board Member. Jeff seconds. Board approves.
- iii. **Mona Gibson:** After discussion by the Board, Jason nominates Mona as a Board Member. Kristin seconds. Board approves.

VII. **Executive Session:** n/a

VIII. **Next Meeting:** Friday, October 13 at 12:30pm at MVMCS.

IX. **Adjourn:** 8:36pm

Tabled Items:

- July minutes still?
- Discussion of a “Checks and Balances” or “Steering” committee?