

Mountain Village Montessori Charter School  
27285 Brandon Circle  
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487  
**Governing Board Meeting**  
**June 8, 2018**

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.

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In Attendance:

Mike Morris (Vice Chair) (Mike acting as proxy for Jeff)  
Jason Gilligan (Treasurer)  
Leslie Gumbrecht (Secretary)  
Michael Girodo (Head of School)  
Kate Godley (Director of Business and Finance)  
Darcy Walters (Faculty Representative)  
Julie Dinkens (Administrative Director)  
Adam Wright  
Emily Barnhart  
Mona Gibson

Action Items:

- Mona will share the board member recruitment template on our Team Drive.
- Julie will advertise for our Back to School picnic on August 20 at 5:30.
- Leslie will send calendar invites for the 18/19 board meetings.
- Jason will invite Dana and Boys and Girls Club to an upcoming meeting.

Minutes:

- I. **Call to Order:** 12:38am
- II. **Agenda Review:** Agenda reviewed by board.
- III. **Public Comment:** None.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** Mona moves to approve May Special Session minutes. Jason seconds. Approved.
- V. **H.O.S. Report:** (Michael G.)

- a. Enrollment: Board discusses any concerns over 18 students not returning, but also looking at 12 new slots filled from waitlist. Michael acknowledges the need to follow up with families who aren't returning to see if any patterns emerge.
- b. Teacher Request: The board discusses whether or not parents can request a particular teacher for their child. Michael explains that parents may always put in a request, but that the staff works as a team to place kids in the most appropriate classrooms. Requests by parents are always considered, but cannot be guaranteed.
- c. Waitlist: There are still families on the waitlist. We are offering slots where we can.
- d. Director Position: The position announcement has temporarily been pulled. Michael and staff are working to revise the position description and planning to repost in fall for 2019 hire.

VI. **Committee Updates:**

- a. Finance Report
  - i. Vote on G&G Contract: After discussion, Mike moves to approve renewing our contract with G&G. Mona seconds. No opposition/abstentions. Approved.
  - ii. Vote on 18/19 Budget: Jason moves to approve our previously discussed 18/19 Budget. Mona seconds. No opposition/abstentions. Approved.
  - iii. Cash Flow Projections: Table
  - iv. TABOR Update: Table
- b. Fundraising: Mona explains that the fundraising committee has decided to forgo the proposed Father's Day fundraising event. Mona suggests that part of upcoming parent education sessions could include a discussion of the budget and what our financial reality is.
- c. SAC: No new update. Board discusses how we will move forward with our goals set during the previous retreat. Michael says he is still intending on administering a parent survey.

VII. **New Business:**

- a. Boys and Girls Club Partnership: Jason suggests that we have the leader of the Boys and Girls Club attend a board meeting to discuss possibilities for after school care. Jason will invite her to our next meeting.
- b. Board/Committee Recruitment: Table.
- c. Parental Commitment: Board discusses ways to increase parent commitment. Communication needs to be a priority. Maybe have a parent potluck with childcare? Discussion needs to be ongoing.
- d. Vote on Board Meeting Calendar: The following 18/19 Board Meeting Calendar is proposed:
  - i. July 13, 2018
  - ii. August 10
  - iii. September 14
  - iv. October 12
  - v. November 2

- vi. December 14
- vii. January 11, 2019
- viii. February 1
- ix. March 8
- x. April 12
- xi. May 10
- xii. June 7

Mona moves to approve the calendar. Jason seconds. Approved. Leslie will send calendar invites for all meetings. The board also suggests a fall retreat with John Brenda.

- e. Member Elections
  - i. Chair: Jason nominates Jeff as Chair. Mike seconds. Approved.
  - ii. Secretary: Mike nominates Leslie as secretary. Emily seconds. Approved.
  - iii. Treasure: Mike nominates Jason as treasurer. Mona seconds. Approved.
- VIII. **Old Business:** not discussed
- IX. **Review of Action Items:** Reviewed by Board.
- X. **Next Meeting:** Special Session tentatively planned for June 22 at 12:30. Next regular meeting on July 13th at 12:30 at MVMCS.
- XI. **Adjourn:** 2:49pm

Tabled Items:

- Cash flow projections and TABOR update (June 22)
- Board/Committee Recruitment
- July meeting should be dedicated to work on the Strategic Plan.