

**Mountain Village Montessori Charter School  
Governing Board Meeting Agenda  
March 8th, 2019 @ 12:30 pm  
Mountain Village Montessori Charter School  
27285 Brandon Circle  
Steamboat Springs, CO 80487**

**Our Mission:**

To inspire all children to learn and grow as responsible global citizens in a collaborative, peaceful and safe environment. We are committed to using authentic Montessori methods with integrity to develop each child's intrinsic intelligence as they become resilient, self-directed leaders and problem solvers. As a school of choice, Mountain Village Montessori is a place for students, families and teachers to grow together as an intentional community in the pursuit of academic excellence.

**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 collectively meeting the demands of an ever-changing society.

- I. Call to Order
  - A. Present from the Board: SAC Chair Emily Barnhart; Treasurer Jason Galligan (on phone later in meeting); Board Chair Jeff Merae; At-Large Tim McCarthy; At-Large Adam Wright, Jason Godley, Vice President Mike Morris; Secretary Tony Urbick.
  - B. Present from MVMCS: Michael Girodo, Julie Dinkens, Darcy Walters
  - C. Kate Godley was present from the Public.
  
- II. Agenda Review
  
- III. Public Comment—No members of public present
  
- IV. Approval of Minutes from 2/1/19 Meeting—change: Adam Wright was not present. Board Chair moved, Secretary second, all approved with changes.
  
- V. HOS Report
  - A. Discussion Leads into staffing changes, enrollment numbers of different grades and rolling impacts of those numbers on classroom and operational needs.
  - B. Discussion continues on grades leading into middle school, challenges with attrition of higher grade students.
  - C. Talk turns to the upcoming solicitation for a middle school task force, and different aspects of how MVMCS might successfully grow into having a middle school, should the appropriate pieces of the puzzle (Performance, continued growth in enrollment, and options surrounding sixth grade at MVMCS.
  - D. Discussion on upper grade students' experience at the school with class size.
  - E. Welcome aboard, Darcy Walters, as MVMCS Instructional Coach!
  
- VI. Committee Updates
  - A. Treasurer's Report
    - a. CAM Reconciliation: Some success with reconciliation and rent abatement from the project
    - b. 501c(3) status is complete. Checks can now be written to MVMCS direct, and new payment options can be explored.
  
  - B. Facilities Committee

a. Facilities Report:

1. Various iterations of the School District's public plans were discussed, along with potential impacts to MVMCS.

b. Security Grant update

1. Grant was awarded--\$34k for various security measures to increase communication, increase security functionality and proactive protection measures, and upgrade existing locks to a more integrated version.

C. Parent Committee

a. Discussion on Committee President and Board Member status:

b. All parents will automatically be members of the Parent Council, which will encourage the involvement of parents in the day to day activities of the school, organize and implement fundraising and volunteerism and elect parent representatives to the Governing Board, as openings occur each June. A Board Member of the Parent Council will be elected by the Parent Council by majority vote. The Board Member will work with the Governing Board to develop and adopt a set of parent involvement policies and strategies.

VII. New Business

VIII. Old Business

IX. Executive Session entered into pursuant to (C.R.S. § 24-6-402 (d.5)(I)(A)(V)), Discussion on personnel matters, at 1:45pm

- A. Head of School Evaluation
- B. HOS Renewal Contract

X. Meeting re-convened out of Executive Session:

- A. Mike Morris Moves to approve the HOS evaluation, as well as to approve a two-year contract for current HOS. Terms to be negotiated by Treasurer within the confines of the existing budget. Second by Secretary Urbick. Unanimous approval.

XI. Review of Action Items

- A. ACTION ITEM: HOS To have the 6<sup>th</sup> grade conversation with the fifth grade parents and Leah, maybe Darcy, before next Board meeting.
- B. ACTION ITEM: HOS and Bus/Fin MGR to produce budget scenarios for Board review before the April Board meeting. 8 middle school students potentially...
- C. ACTION item: First draft of FY 19-20 budget available by April 12
- D. ACTION ITEM: Julie to reach out to the Yampa Valley Community Foundation re: 501©3 status attained for MVMCS
- E. ACTION ITEM: Facilities Committee to produce a report for teachers/staff by next week.
- F. ACTION ITEM: Mike and Tony to review Bylaws and produce an answer for Mona. Interview the Parent Council person to bring recommendation to the Board at next meeting. .

XII. Next Meeting (April 12th, 2019)

XIII. Adjourn