

**Mountain Village Montessori Charter
School Governing Board Meeting
June 26th 2020 @ 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 School:

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| 1. Michael Girodo, HOS; | 6. Jeff Merage, MSTF, Facilities; |
| 2. Darcy Walters, Director Of Teaching and Learning, Staff Liaison; | 7. Tim McCarthy, Fundraising, Facilities; |
| 3. Julie Dinkens, Business/Finance MGR; | 8. Tony Urbick, Secretary, Facilities, Marketing; |

B. Present from the Board:

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| 1. Mike Morris, Chair; | C. Present from the Public: |
| 2. Jason Gilligan, Vice Chair; | 1. Jessica DeFuyter; |
| 3. Jason Godley, Treasurer; | 2. Michelle Roos; |
| 4. Jess Valand, Marketing, PC; | 3. Noel Christopher; |
| 5. Erin Gallagher, Fundraising, SAC, PC, MSTF; | 4. Christine Liily; |
| | 5. Clare Berkey; |

II. Reading of the Mission & Vision – Mike Morris

III. Agenda Review Change

IV. Public Comment

V. Approval of Minutes

- A. 04/24/20 Erin Move, Jess Second, Discussion—Jess to correct spellings for roll call, None opposed, motion carries; and 05/29/20 Tony motion, Jess second, none opposed, motion carries;

VI. HOS Report

- A. Please read HOS report and ask any questions
- B. Current thinking is five half-days, modeling phasing, planning.
- C. Remote learning survey. Jess question on what are criteria—Emily—will depend on commissioners and public health, sounds like it might come into being on “Plan B” based on what develops—everything is “starting as normal.” Meeting with county commissioners Monday.

- D. Erin G—will we be forcing to consider quarter-by-quarter model, or timeline? Emily: Not a timeline, just different phases that are pushed out from our
 - E. Jess Public comment—can we move to end? Consult bylaws but possible opportunities to add in public comment before Board votes, and sunshine constraints on having public comment at beginning vs end. --VI. New Business
 - F. Michael Report: putting our number at 133 and budgeted for folks, there are a few spots In lower elementary, Board invite to provide low-intensity marketing. One family choosing to go to an online school, different from remote learning. Not the same on online school vs remote learning...
 - G. Calendar: The task force suggested we move the start of school from 8/20
 - H. [Thursday] to 8/24 [Monday] to allow for more professional and parent education around new practices and policies related to Covid-19 changes. I need a Board Vote to approve. Mike Morris reservations: discrepancy for students w/ middle school vs MVMCS. HOS: already contracted—teacher letters—sliding start dates, still a moving target. By next week, make a decision on back to school task force.
 - I. Family may choose between a CDE online school vs running that through MVMCS. Vote on calendar adjustment Mike Morris: motion for BTS task force to continue moving forward to finalizing the start date of 8/20 or 8/24 and proceed with authority to decide based on their findings. Jason second. None opposed, motion carries.
 - J. Discussion on possibility of a three year renewal with CSI plus a two year automatic extension--- some work for the Board to do in getting these benchmarks
 - K. Tyler for SPED para—Montessori experience, BOCES, will work under Darcy, Orton-Gillingham trained literacy—
 - L. Darcy Walters promoted to Director of Teaching and Learning—Remote Learning program oversight, and HOS intern this year as she produces her principal licensure through DU. Send her congratulations and wish her success at MVMCS.
 - M. Alethea Stone—discussion on pediatric
 - N. Jason Gilligan—kudos to HOS and staff for ensuring staffing models can remain intact given the unprecedented financial headwinds around the pandemic and the resulting economic impacts local and state.
 - O. Peace Education and creation of the anti-racist/ anti-bias task force, Kelly Schaeffer heading this up. Look forward to forward progress in education around these areas, key to the moment.
- VII. Committee Updates
- A. Finance Committee Update
 1. Discussion on financials—significant underage on staff salaries reflects positions not filled, offset by dramatic preschool tuition stop with pandemic.
 2. Have to maintain that line between private preschool and public K-5 on funding.
 3. Budget FY 20-21—G&G (Charter School accounting firm) has consulted with Julie Bus Mgr to get to the budget presented, tentative loss planned of \$38k. Notable: reductions in PPF, Ed Fund Board reduction, increases in custodial—bad debt in preschool built in, \$10k in bad debt—Jason Gilligan Move to adopt as presented, with Board acknowledgement of projected \$38k loss on the projection for the year. Board has already approve the allocation:
 4. Jason Motion, Mike second: Tim yes, Erin yes, Jess, Tony yes, Jason Godley proxy to Jason, Jeff not present.
 - B. SAC Committee Update
 1. 3 plus 2 or total of 5 year renewal, MAPS and DIBBELS data to show, heavy lifting for the

Board on UIP on deck through SAC

C. Fundraising—invited to apply for a Crown family grant—More on that

1. Putting together a program around October Count—as parents weigh plans..
Michael—helpful in July—virtual townhall on how to get attendance counts—how important that would be. Parent and Fundraising committee in August.
2. Amazon smile—get parents using that.
3. Deer Park Grant: Jason Gilligan to continue to pursue, still a possibility.

D. Marketing & Outreach Committee Update—no report.

E. Parent Committee Update—Jess: Jess giving that one up—looking for some new leadership---
Marchelle has agreed to help with continuity. Looking for a leader.

VIII. New Business:

A. Results of [Board Needs Assessment \(screenshot of averages\)](#)

B. Officer Elections

1. Motion for officers to continue in current role, Mike Morris move, Jason Gilligan second, none opposed, motion carries.
2. New Board members: Emily Barnhart has expressed interest in returning to the Board.
3. Questions on recruitment—highlight training manual—not a massive scramble to train, bit more formulaic—Board training is one of the areas needed. Lots of the big things, except for next steps on middle school and maintaining our 5 year streak, have been done. Cheat sheet on finances.
4. Some committee capacity—Discussion on reevaluation of committee recruitment. It came before as a way to vet people and their commitment level before coming onto the Board
5. Discussion on Board recruitment—having a Montessorian—Noel is interested
6. Willing to chair and actively part of a committee in addition to being on the Board. Not appropriate to ask a Board to chair more than one committee. Finance—Facilities—Educator in general. Discussion of candidates and potential candidates—talents and experience needed.

C. Projects for 2020-21 school year

1. Reauthorization
2. HOS Contract Expiring in June 2021
3. Board Recruitment
4. Middle School

IX. Old Business

X. Executive Session

A. HOS Evaluation Discussion—Tabled until Board retreat in August

XI. Review of Action Items

- A. Michael—helpful in July—virtual townhall on how to get attendance counts—how important that would be. Parent and Fundraising committee in August. Virtual townhall in August.
- B. Jason Gilligan to forward on Board recruitment letter—
- C. Erin to hit up Committee Chairs for recruitment and training updates for future Board members.
- D. Christine Lilly, Mercedes, Noel Gallagher, Ryan Van Ess, Emily Barnhart, we can go up to 11-
Board continue to vet, Mike Morris to invite to Board retreat.

XII. Next Meeting: Board Retreat Mid-August—August 4, Tuesday for Board retreat

XIII. Adjourn 2:33pm adjournment