



Our board operates on a consensus basis in all matters, employing the group process methodology of Formal Consensus. We do so because we believe that equality of contribution to decisions greatly increases our ability to find the best and most creative outcomes aligned with our mission, vision and values. We also believe it imperative to engage the most committed form of democracy possible to model our core value of Mutual Respect for our students and community.

In our deliberations, we recognize and remember that all participants in the process always share responsibility for the quality of our experience. Participants place ultimate reliance on the founding ideas of our school—its vision, mission, and values- rather than any personal agenda. The group’s highest intention is to guide the school toward the most profound and creative realizations of those ideas.

Mission

The Seven Generations Charter School is an academically rich educational community creating generations of stewards who embrace our world and each other. All members of the Seven Generations Charter School community are committed to a public education alternative that promotes sustainability and citizenship with an interdisciplinary, individualized, project based curriculum.

Vision

To each Seven Generations student, we pledge:

- An experiential, constructivist approach to education that encourages hands-on learning in the community as well as in the classroom
- A culturally rich atmosphere that celebrates the expansive world around us
- An environment of academic excellence that taps into the creativity and uniqueness of each child and that fosters mutual respect
- An integrated learning experience that emphasizes sustainable living practices.

Core Values

Creativity; Hands-on; Academic Excellence; Cultural Richness; Integrated; Sustainable; Mutual Respect

Business Meeting Agenda
55 min. 6:00 – 6:55
5/10/2016

The working meeting is open to the public with the exception of items labeled “Executive Session.” No decisions are made in the working meeting; all decisions are made in the business meeting.

	Purpose of agenda item	Agenda item	Presenter	Min.	Time
1	Assign roles	Process: Facilitator, Timekeeper, Note taker		5	6:00 PM
2		Open Door - any staff member can come to speak to the board about concerns	Anyone	10	6:05 PM
3	Discussion	Executive Session - Litigation	BoT / Admin	40	6:15 PM
4	-	-	-	0	6:55 PM
5	Adjourn	Please remain aware of the time. Plan to Start Business Meeting on time.			6:55 PM



Business Meeting Agenda
170 min. 7:00 – 10:00
5/10/2016



	Purpose of agenda item	Agenda item	Presenter	Min.	Time
1	Assign roles	Introduction to Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda review (facilitator can allow time for silent reading, then request any changes, then call for consensus on the agenda) • Reading of Mission and Vision –or, if time is short, just the Core Value • Reading • Formal Consensus Reading/Review (5 min) • Check in – give everyone in the room a chance to speak if possible • Call to order/Roll call: Brian Anthony, Lori Friebolin, Courtney Kennedy, Ben Loomis, Stephen Peters, Al Russell, Christopher Sten Approval of Minutes from previous month (March 8th & 24th, 2016)	Facilitator & others	15	7:00 PM
2	Discussion	Public Comment (<i>Facilitator: first give time to any issue on the agenda, then open to comments not specifically about agenda</i>)	Anyone	15	7:15 PM
3	Proposal	The Board of Trustees approves the following hire(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Christensen as Per Diem Substitute, • Bethany Hoover as Per Diem Substitute • Liz Donham, 5th Grade Long-Term Substitute Teacher, pro-rated salary of \$30,000 	Andy Rowan	5	7:30 PM
4	Proposal	The Board of Trustees approves to renew the the contract for the school's website.	Paul Hunter	5	7:35 PM
5	Presentation	EIC Director's Report	Jen Hersh	20	7:40 PM
6	Presentation	Principal's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPSD Board Meeting Update from 5/9 	Paul Hunter	20	8:00 PM
7	Proposal	The Board of Trustees approves the following recommendations of the Ad Hoc Strategic Enrollement Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that enrollment be suspended for 4th and 5th grade for the 2016-2017 school year, • that the Administration Team make a determination on the number of classrooms in each grade level as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K to not exceed 5 classes, • 1st grade to not exceed 4 classroom, • 2nd to not exceed 4 classrooms, • 3rd grade to not exceed 3 classrooms, • 4th grade to not exceed 3 classrooms and • 5th grade to not exceed 3 classrooms. 		20	8:20 PM
8	Discussion	Adoption of a 403(b) plan as an alternative to the PSERS retirement plan for employees hired beginning July 1, 2016	Lee Merendino	10	8:40 PM

Leadership Team Departure

Out of respect for the schedule of our Leadership Team, please plan to address the Leadership Team prior to 9:00 PM.

9	Presentation	Committee Reports (3-4 min. each <i>Committees in bold have indicated that they have a report to share – facilitator, if time allows, please ask if any other committees have reports.)</i>			
10	Presentation	<u>Board Committees</u> Finance • Bill list (Proposal to approve, 5 min) • Financial reports (5 min report) • Approval of Budgets (30 min) Governance and Policy	Lee Merendino Chris Sten Al Russell	40	8:50 PM
11	Presentation	<u>School Committees</u> Development Food and Wellness Library Property and Facilities - Courtney Kennedy Seven Gen Lends Technology	N/A	0	9:30 PM
12	Presentation	<u>Staff-led Committees</u> Social Emotional & Academic Culture Committee EIC Sunshine Committee (Staff) Sunshine Committee (Student)	N/A	0	9:30 PM
13	Presentation	<u>Community Committee</u> Community Circle	N/A	0	9:30 PM
14	Proposal	The Board of Trustees approves the following new/updated policies & procedure relating to purchasing functions and management of Title 1 funds: New policies 610, 611, 612, 613, 625, 626, Updated policy 626.1 and procedural attachments 626A-626E.	Al Russell	10	9:30 PM
15	Discussion	Time allotted for last-minute additions and/or extensions		5	9:40 PM
16	Discussion	Public Comments (on any item relating to the school)	Anyone	10	9:45 PM
17	All present have opportunity to	Evaluation of meeting General questions to keep in mind; but any evaluative comment is	Anyone	5	9:55 PM
18	Adjourn	Thank you for your time and participation in the Seven Gen. community!			10:00 PM

Notes:
