



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**

115 min. 5:00 – 6:55

6/14/2016

**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	5:00 PM
2		Open Door - any staff member can come to speak to the board about concerns	Anyone	10	5:05 PM
3	Discussion	Chris Sten - Board Membership	BoT	5	5:15 PM
4	Discussion	General Topics: •Board recruitment •Board Development •Summer retreat for Board and Admin.	BoT	20	5:20 PM
5	Discussion	Executive Session - Employment	BoT	20	5:40 PM
6	Discussion	Executive Session - Litigation	BoT / Admin	25	6:00 PM
7	Discussion	Executive Session - Employment	BoT / Admin	30	6:25 PM
8	Adjourn	Please remain aware of the time. Plan to Start Business Meeting on time.			6:55 PM



**Business Meeting Agenda**  
**175 min. 7:00 – 9:55**  
**6/14/2016**



	Purpose of agenda item	Agenda item	Presenter	Min.	Time
1	Assign roles	Introduction to Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Agenda review</b> (facilitator can allow time for silent reading, then request any changes, then call for consensus on the agenda)</li> <li>• <b>Reading of Mission and Vision</b> –or, if time is short, just the Core Value</li> <li>• <b>Reading</b></li> <li>• <b>Formal Consensus Reading/Review (5 min)</b></li> <li>• <b>Check in</b> – give everyone in the room a chance to speak if possible</li> <li>• <b>Call to order/Roll call:</b>                Brian Anthony, Lori Friebohn, Courtney Kennedy, Ben Loomis, Stephen Peters, Al Russell, Christopher Sten</li> </ul> Approval of Minutes from previous month (May 10th, 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	Discussion	Updated Time Off Policy	Andy Rowan	10	7:30 PM
4	Proposal	The Board of Trustees approves the proposed revisions to the Time Off Policy.	Andy Rowan	5	7:40 PM
5	Proposal	The Board of Trustees approves to renew the contract for the school's website. (Item held over from May 10th)	Paul Hunter	5	7:45 PM
6	Proposal	The Board of Trustees approves to renew the contract for the Business Manager Services of Lee Merendino at a rate of \$56,000 per year.	Lee	5	7:50 PM
7	Proposal	The Board of Trustees approves the revised 2016 School Improvement Plan for Seven generations Charter School.	Jen Hersh	10	7:55 PM
8	Presentation	EIC Director's Report	Jen Hersh	15	8:05 PM
9	Discussion	Extended School Year (ESY) Would require hiring 4 staff members- 3 teachers and 1 paraprofessional	Paul Hunter	15	8:20 PM
10	Presentation	Principal's Report	Paul Hunter	15	8:35 PM
11	Discussion	Creation of the following committees; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Rechartering</li> <li>•Seven Gen Foundation</li> <li>•School Communications</li> <li>•Parent Involvement/Volunteers</li> </ul>	Lori / Steve	20	8:50 PM

12	Proposal	The Board of Trustees approves the creation of the following committees; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Rechartering</li> <li>•Seven Gen Foundation</li> <li>•School Communications</li> <li>•Parent Involvement/Volunteers</li> </ul>	Board	5	9:10 PM
<b>Leadership Team Departure</b>					
Out of respect for the schedule of our Leadership Team, please plan to address the Leadership Team prior to 9:00 PM.					
13	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>			
14	Presentation	<u>Board Committees</u> <b>Finance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bill list (Proposal to approve, 5 min)</b></li> <li>• <b>Financial reports (5 min report)</b></li> <li>• <b>Approval of Budgets Revisions (10 min) - Roll Call</b></li> </ul> Governance and Policy	Lee Merendino  Chris Sten	20	9:15 PM
15	Presentation	<u>School Committees</u> Development Food and Wellness Library Property and Facilities - Courtney Kennedy Seven Gen Lends Technology	N/A	0	9:35 PM
16	Presentation	<u>Staff-led Committees</u> Social Emotional & Academic Culture Committee EIC Sunshine Committee (Staff) Sunshine Committee (Student)	N/A	0	9:35 PM
17	Presentation	<u>Community Committee</u> Community Circle	N/A	0	9:35 PM
18	Discussion	Time allotted for last-minute additions and/or extensions		5	9:35 PM
19	Discussion	Public Comments (on any item relating to the school)	Anyone	10	9:40 PM
20	All present have opportunity to	Evaluation of meeting General questions to keep in mind; but any evaluative comment is	Anyone	5	9:50 PM
21	Adjourn	Thank you for your time and participation in the Seven Gen. community!			9:55 PM

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