



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

Working Meeting Agenda

55 min. 5:30 – 6:25

10/11/2016

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	5:30 PM
2		Open Door - any staff member can come to speak to the board about concerns	Anyone	10	5:35 PM
3	Discussion	Executive Session - Litigation	BoT / Admin	40	5:45 PM
4	Adjourn	Please remain aware of the time. Plan to Start Business Meeting on time.			6:25 PM



Business Meeting Agenda
130 min. 6:30 – 8:40
10/11/2016



	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, Ben Loomis, Stephen Peters, Al Russell Approval of Minutes from previous month (September 13th, 2016).	Facilitator & others	15	6:30 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	6:45 PM
3	Acknowledgment	The Board of Trustees recognizes the following resignation(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katherine Poff, Paraprofessional One to One 	Andy Rowan	5	7:00 PM
4	Proposal	The Board of Trustees approves the following hire(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amber Roland, \$100/day per diem Substitute Teacher 	Andy Rowan	5	7:05 PM
5	Presentation	Principal's Report - PSSA Results Review	Paul Hunter	30	7:10 PM
Committee Reports (5 - 10 min. each Committees in bold have indicated that they have a report to share – facilitator, if time allows, please ask if any other committees have reports.)					
6	Presentation	<u>Board Committees</u> Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill list (Proposal to approve, 5 min) • Financial reports (5 min report) Governance and Policy - Ref. Item 7 Facilities Rechartering - 2017 Middle School Development	Lee Merendino Al Russell Lori Friebolin	30	7:40 PM

7	Proposal	The Board of Trustees approves the following procedures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 011 – Board Governance Standards/Code of Conduct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New, based on state guidelines for school boards • 130 – Homework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New, information taken from existing practice • 216 – Access to Education Records <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Better definitions, recommendation from Re-chartering committee • 220 – Freedom of Expression - New • 266 – School-Family Conference and School Attendance Improvement Plan • 266A – School Attendance Improvement Plan (SAIP) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State has new form, replaces “Truancy Elimination Plan” • 707A – Use of Facilities Request <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Added line for administration approval signature and date • 709 – Building Security - New, management of keys • 822 – Automated External Defibrillator (AED) / Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reviewed by school nurse • 906 – Public Complaints <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complaints come through administration to Grievance Committee for review and recommendation before coming to full board for decision • 907 – School Visitors - New • 909 – Municipal Government Relations - New • 911 – News Media Relations - New • 922 – Parent Code of Conduct - New, recommendation from administration 	Al Russell	10	8:10 PM
8	Presentation	<u>School Committees</u> Development Food and Wellness Library Property and Facilities Seven Gen Lends Technology	N/A	0	8:20 PM
9	Presentation	<u>Staff-led Committees</u> Social Emotional & Academic Culture Committee EIC Sunshine Committee (Staff) Sunshine Committee (Student)	N/A	0	8:20 PM
10	Presentation	<u>Community Committee</u> Seven Generations PTO (Community Circle)	Gwyn Jones	0	8:20 PM
11	Discussion	Time allotted for last-minute additions and/or extensions		5	8:20 PM
12	Discussion	Public Comments (on any item relating to the school)	Anyone	10	8:25 PM
13	All present have opportunity to speak	Evaluation of meeting General questions to keep in mind; but any evaluative comment is welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was the overall experience of participating in this meeting like? • Did we meet our goals for this meeting? • Was the process efficient, clear, and fair? 	Anyone	5	8:35 PM
14	Adjourn	Thank you for your time and participation in the Seven Gen. community!			8:40 PM

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