

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

25 min. 6:30 – 6:55

2/9/2016

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.



Business Meeting Agenda

195 min. 7:00 – 10:15

	Purpose of agenda item	Agenda item	Presenter	Min.	Time
1	Assign roles	Process: Facilitator, timekeeper, note taker		5	6:30 PM
2		Open Door - any staff member can come to speak to the board about concerns	Anyone	10	6:35 PM
3	Discussion	General	All	10	6:45 PM
4				0	6:55 PM
5	Adjourn	Please remain aware of the time. Plan to Start Business Meeting on time.			6:55 PM

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1	Assign roles	<p>Introduction to Meeting</p> <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 Reading Formal Consensus Reading/Review (5 min) 	Facilitator & others	20	7:00 PM									
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <p>Approval of Minutes from previous month (January 12th, 2016) Consented to</p>												
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	7:20 PM									
3	Presentation	Board Responsibilities Presented	Al Russell	15	7:35 PM									
4	Presentation / Proposal	<p>Middle School Committee Update</p> <p><i>Proposal to set dates to open discussions on the MS committee findings/recommendations.</i></p> <p><i>Proposed dates for meeting –</i></p> <p><i>Thursday March 10 – sharing of data, questions will be taken</i></p> <p><i>Monday March 14 – Discussion of data</i></p> <p><i>Friday March 18 – Recommendation/Proposal will be presented</i></p> <p><i>Each meeting will begin at 8:00</i></p> <p><i>The Middle school committee will investigate the ability of a call in service for these meeting.</i></p> <p>Approved by Consensus</p>	Brian Anthony	15	7:50 PM									
5	Acknowledgement	<p>The Board of Trustees acknowledges the following resignation(s) and/or termination(s):</p> <table> <tr> <td>Michele McLean</td> <td>K-4 Reading Specialist</td> <td>6 months</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Terrance Williams</td> <td>Food and Recess Assistant</td> <td>3 weeks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Deanna Pickett</td> <td>Food and Recess Assistant</td> <td>0 days</td> </tr> </table>	Michele McLean	K-4 Reading Specialist	6 months	Terrance Williams	Food and Recess Assistant	3 weeks	Deanna Pickett	Food and Recess Assistant	0 days	Andy Rowan	5	8:05 PM
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6B	Proposal	<p>Approve the extended leave for staff member April 28th – June 10th. Approved by Consensus</p>												
7	Presentation	EIC Director's Report	Jen Hersh	25	8:20 PM									
8	Presentation	Principal's Report	Paul Hunter	25	8:45 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 Committee</u> Finance • Bill list (Proposal to approve, 5 min) Approved by Consensus • Financial reports (5 min report) Governance and Policy	Lee Merendino Al Russell	15	9:10 PM
11	Proposal	The Board of Trustees approves to adopt the following new/modified policies that are required as a result of changes in the PA Charter School Regulations. (Ref. attachment) 004 – Membership – Approved by Consensus 014 Dismissal – Approved by Consensus 302.1 Performance of work by Another Entity – Approved by Consensus 313 – Teacher Evaluation – tabled 914 – Relations with Intermediate Unit – Approved by Consensus 914.1 Relations with Chartering School District – Approved by Consensus	Al Russell	10	9:25 PM
12	Proposal	The Board of Trustees approves the following (Ref. attachment) new policies 012 – Tabled 204 – remove paragraph 7 - Approved by Consensus 215 Promotion and Retention – Approved by Consensus 220 – Guidelines of Committee Communication - Tabled 301 – Creating a Position - Tabled 307 – Student Teachers and Interns - Tabled 324 – Tabled 367 – Tabled 614 –Payroll Authorization – Approved by Consensus 617 – Payment of Bills – Approved by Consensus 909- Tabled 911- Tabled	Al Russell	15	9:35 PM
13	Discussion	Time allotted for last-minute additions and/or extensions		10	9:50 PM
14	Discussion	Public Comments (on any item relating to the school)	Anyone	10	10:00 PM
15	All present have opportunity to	Evaluation of meeting General questions to keep in mind; but any evaluative comment is	Anyone	5	10:10 PM
16	Adjourn	Thank you for your time and participation in the Seven Gen. community!			10:15 PM