

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 – ending term on June 30 <sup>th</sup>	BoT	5	5:15 PM
4	Discussion	General Topics: •Board recruitment •Board Development •Board Advance for Board and Admin	BoT	20	5:20 PM
5	Discussion	Executive Session – Employment – BOT will send feedback to Lori by June 24 <sup>th</sup> . Then small teams will conduct check-ins with each admin members and proposal to renew his contact at the July meeting.	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	Discussion	Enrollment for 2016 – 2017 – budget needs to be revised and will be presented at an additional meeting on June 28 <sup>th</sup> .			
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**Business Meeting Agenda**  
**160 min. 7:00 – 9:40**  
**6/14/2016**

	Purpose of agenda item	Agenda item	Presenter	Min.
1	Assign roles	<p>Introduction to Meeting</p> <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>  <b>Brian Anthony, Lori Friebolin, Courtney Kennedy, Ben Loomis, Stephen Peters, Al Russell, Christopher Sten</b></li> </ul> <p>Approval of Minutes from previous month (May 10th, 2016)</p>	Facilitator & others	15
2	Discussion	<p>Public Comment (<i>Facilitator: first give time to any issue on the agenda, then open to comments not specifically about agenda</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incident on May 26<sup>th</sup> Parent Tanya Miller had an incident with a parent at pick up time. It was handled well by Mrs. Hersh. Asked how the Parent Code of Conduct policy is being developed. Response - It is being worked on by the Governance and Policy Committee. Parent asked if it was possible to create a confidential survey could be created to get parent feedback.</li> </ul>	Anyone	15
3	Discussion	<p>Updated Time Off Policy – <b>Tabled until next meeting</b>  <b>Governance and Policy committee will review the policy and make revisions and represent this policy at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting.</b></p>	Andy Rowan	10
4	Proposal	<p>The Board of Trustees approves the proposed revisions to the Time Off Policy. – <b>Tabled until next meeting</b></p>	Andy Rowan	5
5	Proposal	<p>The Board of Trustees approves to renew the contract for the school's website. <b>Tabled to next meeting</b></p>	Paul Hunter	5
6	Proposal	<p>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.  <b>Approved by Consensus</b></p>	Lee	5
7	Proposal	<p>The Board of Trustees approves the revised 2016 School Improvement Plan for Seven generations Charter School.  <b>Approved by Consensus</b></p> <p>EIC Directors Report –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Grade level teams, specialist teachers, and admin all participated in the year end SEER evaluation tools and interviews for 2015-16 with Grace Lieberman.</li> </ul>	Jen Hersh	5

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEER will analyze and synthesize data and provide a report to SGCS in July 2016.</li> <li>SEER report will be used to determine organizational needs for EIC implementation and professional development for 2016-17</li> <li><b>Title I</b> - Successful monitoring visit on May 25, 2016.</li> <li>All requirements and compliances were achieved.</li> <li>Report from DFP will arrive in August to summarize monitoring visit.</li> <li>School Improvement Plan</li> <li>Since being identified as a focus school in 2013-14, SGCS has to develop, implement, and evaluate a school improvement plan each year.</li> <li>Plan is targeted at school wide areas of opportunity for growth. Data was analyzed and new action plans with goals, indicators of effectiveness, strategies, and implementation steps were identified.</li> </ul>		
8	Proposal	<p>The Board of Trustees approves Title I summer stipends to be paid with the 2015-2016 federal programming funds. (this is a no budget impact fiscal proposal)</p> <p><b>Approved by Consensus</b></p>	Jen Hersh	5
9	Discussion and Proposal	<p>Extended School Year (ESY) Would require hiring 4 staff members- 3 teachers and 1 paraprofessional July 5 – July 29 This is a service if offered to students with IEPs who may regress over an extended period of break in school, such as the summer. 28 students qualified for ESY.</p> <p>The Board of Trustees approves the hiring the 3 teachers and 1 paraprofessional for the ESY for the 2015 -2016 school year. These stipend are covered as current budget items.</p> <p><b>Approved by Consensus</b></p>	Paul Hunter	15
9A	Discussion	<p>The Seven Generations Charter School Board of Trustees will hold monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. Dates for the 2016 – 2017 school year will be:</p> <p><b>August 9</b>  <b>September 13</b>  <b>October 11</b>  <b>November 15 – Rescheduled due to Election Day</b>  <b>December 13</b>  <b>January 10</b>  <b>February 14</b>  <b>March 14</b>  <b>April 11</b>  <b>May 9 – (2016- 2017 budget will be presented)</b>  <b>June 13</b></p> <p><b>Approved by Consensus</b></p>		
9B	Proposal	<p>The Seven Generations Charter School Board of Trustees approves the school administration to notify PDE of the suspension of grades 6, 7, 8, which constitutes a reconfiguration of Seven Generations Charter school from a K-8 school to a K-5 school for the 2016- 2017 school year.</p> <p><b>Approved by Consensus</b></p>	Andy Rowan	10
10	Presentation	<p>Principal's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thanks to all staff who worked to organize the 5<sup>th</sup> grade graduation and 6, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduations.</li> <li>Thanks to Mr. Wade and Mrs. Friebolin for speaking at graduation</li> <li>Thanks to Mrs. Cossman and Jen Taylor for organizing the classroom moves at the two buildings</li> </ul>	Paul Hunter	15

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thanks to all community members to come in to assist the moves</li> <li>• We will be undergoing Special Education monitoring from PDE in the fall, this is a process that all schools participate in throughout a time period. We were previously reviewed in year 2 of the school.</li> </ul>		
11	Discussion	<p>Creation of the following committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each committee needs a sponsor, who will then call for membership</li> <li>• Once committees are established those committees need to determine the committees term and objectives</li> <li>• Rechartering –Lori Friebolin will sponsor this committee</li> <li>• Seven Gen Foundation – Brian Anthony will head this</li> <li>• School Communications – Steve Peters will sponsor this committee</li> <li>• Parent Involvement/Volunteers –Courtney Kennedy will sponsor this committee</li> <li>• Middle school Renewal Committee – Brian Anthony will sponsor this committee</li> <li>• School Beautification Committee – Courtney Kennedy will sponsor this committee</li> </ul>		20
12	Proposal	<p>The Board of Trustees approves the creation of the following committees;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rechartering</li> <li>• Middle School Renewal</li> <li>• Seven Gen Foundation</li> </ul> <p><b>Approved by Consensus</b></p>	Board	5
13	Presentation	<p><u>Board Committees</u></p> <p><b>Finance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bill list (Proposal to approve, 5 min) Approved by Consensus</b></li> <li>• <b>Financial reports (5 min report)</b></li> <li>• <b>Approval of Budgets Revisions (10 min) - Roll Call - TABLED to June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting</b></li> <li>• Governance and Policy</li> </ul>	Lee Merendino Chris Sten	20
14	Presentation	<p><u>School Committees</u></p> <p>Development Food and Wellness Library Property and Facilities - Courtney Kennedy Seven Gen Lends Technology</p> <p><u>Staff Led Committees</u></p> <p>Social, Emotional and Academic Culture Committee EIC Sunshine Committee – Staff and Students</p>	N/A	0
15	Discussion	Time allotted for last-minute additions and/or extensions		5
16	Discussion	Public Comments (on any item relating to the school)	Anyone	10
17	All present have opportunity to	Evaluation of meeting General questions to keep in mind; but any evaluative comment is	Anyone	5
18	Adjourn	Thank you for your time and participation in the Seven Gen. community!		