

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

25 min. 6:15 – 6:55

7/12/2016

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.

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	Purpose of agenda item	Agenda item	Presenter	Min.	Time
1	Assign roles	Process: Facilitator, Timekeeper, Note taker		5	6:15 PM
2	Discussion	Executive Session – Employment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Custodial Position posted • Suggestion to rekey all exterior doors 	BoT / Admin	20	6:20 PM
3	Discussion	Executive Session – Litigation	BoT / Admin	15	6:40 PM
4	Discussion	Executive Committee	Lori		6:55 PM

	Purpose of agenda item	Agenda item	Presenter	Min.
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) • 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 <p>Approval of Minutes from previous month (June 14th & 23rd, 2016) Approved by Consensus</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"> • Discussion of presenting creating a tradition of a thank you gift to departing board members, Courtney will look to this. 	Anyone	15
3	Discussion	<p>Facilities Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten classrooms – plans are being developed to add bathrooms in the summer of 2017. 	Stephen Peters	5
4	Discussion	<p>The Board of Trustees approves Michelle Costello's request for leave. Approved by Consensus</p>	Andy Rowan	5
5	Proposal	<p>The Board of Trustees approves Stephen Peters as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees. Approved by Consensus</p>		
		<p>The Board of Trustees authorizes the following members are signers on all bank accounts: Stephen Peters, Lori Friebolin and Alan Russell. Approved by Consensus</p>		
6	Presentation	<p>Principal's Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom movement – 4th and 5th grades are in place in the intermediate School • Library will be moved to the Intermediate School – this will help foster the community of the two buildings. • 4th and 5th grade will attend All School Meetings at the Elementary School • Extended school year has begun, currently 8 students are participating • Vacancies – 3rd grade. 1:1 para, part time building maintenance • Acknowledgment of Katie Kern's resignation we wish her well in her new position • Current Enrollment Openings – Kindergarten - 5, 1st grade-13, 2nd grade-3, 3rd grade-2, however some enrollments are pending that may reduce these numbers 	Paul Hunter	15
7	Presentation	<p><u>Board Committees</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance • Bill list (Proposal to approve, 5 min) Approved by Consensus • Financial reports (5 min report) <p>Governance and Policy Facilities</p> <p>Re-chartering – 2017 – reach out to East Penn to determine our contact person who may be able to guide us in this process.</p> <p>Middle School Development – committee is in development</p>	Lee Merendino	10

8	Proposal	The Board of Trustees approves the lease reimbursement applications as shared by Lee Merdino on July 9, 2016. Approved by Unanimous vote		
9	Presentation	<u>School Committees</u> Development Food and Wellness - suggestion to bring back the request for donations Library Seven Gen Lends Technology	N/A	0
10	Discussion	Time allotted for last-minute additions and/or extensions		5
11	Discussion	Public Comments (on any item relating to the school)	Anyone	10
12	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
13	Adjourn	Thank you for your time and participation in the Seven Gen. community!		