



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**

35 min. 6:20 – 6:55

9/13/2016

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.

	<b>Purpose of agenda item</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Min.</b>	<b>Time</b>
1	Assign roles	Process: Facilitator, Timekeeper, Note taker		5	6:20 PM
2		Open Door - any staff member can come to speak to the board about concerns	Anyone	10	6:25 PM
3	Discussion	Executive Session – Litigation Update on previous litigation items	BoT/ Admin	20	6:35 PM
4	Discussion	Board Recruitment – Board Recruitment Committee – Lori and AI will schedule interviews with a potential candidate.	Lori	10	
5	Discussion	Board Fall Advance – see proposal below			
6	Discussion	Earlier time for meetings – See proposal below	Lori		

**Business Meeting Agenda**  
**115 min. 7:00 – 8:55**  
**9/13/2016**

	<b>Purpose of agenda item</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Min.</b>	<b>Time</b>
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></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, <b>Lori Friebolin, Ben Loomis, Stephen Peters, Al Russell (bolded members in attendance)</b></li> </ul> <p>Approval of Minutes from previous month (August 9th &amp; 23rd, 2016). <b>Approved by consensus</b></p>	Facilitator & others	15	7:00 PM
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> <p><b>No Comments</b></p>	Anyone	15	7:15 PM
3	Proposal	<p>The Board of Trustees approves the following hires:            Katie Unger prorated at a salary of \$38,500 2nd Grade Teacher for the 2016-2017 school year.</p> <p><b>Approved by consensus</b></p>	Andy Rowan	5	7:30 PM
4	Proposal	<p>The Board of Trustees approves the following procedure and acknowledgment form:            815 – Acceptable Use of Technology            815A – Acceptable Use of Technology Policy Acknowledgement Form</p> <p><b>Approved by Consensus</b></p>	Al Russell	5	7:35 PM
5	Proposal	<p>Effective October 2016 the Board of Trustees will meet on the Second Tuesday of each month with the working meeting beginning at 5:30 pm and the business meeting at 6:30. <b>Exception to the second Tuesday will be the November, November meeting will be held on the third Tuesday.</b></p> <p><b>Approved by Consensus</b></p> <p>A second Board meeting will be held on the last Tuesday of each month at 6:30 to focus on a specific single topic related to the school. Topics for each meeting will be posted on the website prior to the meetings. Meeting dates will be :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sept. 27</li> <li>• Oct. 25</li> <li>• Nov. 29</li> <li>• Jan. 31</li> <li>• Feb. 28</li> <li>• March 28</li> <li>• April 25</li> </ul>			

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 30</li> </ul> <p><b>Approved by Consensus</b></p>			
5	Presentation	EIC Director Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dedication of the Arboretum</li> </ul>	Jen Hersh	10	7:40 PM
6	Presentation	Principal's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open House was held Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, with a great turn out</li> <li>Our new library is up and running with a schedule for students to visit as a class.</li> <li>Responsive Classroom - staff focus will be on Teaching Discipline which looks at responsive classroom as a whole.</li> <li>FISH – developing staff moral and the school community</li> <li>Four elements of FISH - Be there, Choose Your Attitude, Make Their Day, and Play</li> <li>Increase in Special Education population. The admin team is working with families and our special education staff to ensure we are meeting student needs.</li> <li>PSSA data will be shared at the October BOT meeting</li> </ul>	Paul Hunter	15	7:50 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.)

7	Presentation	<u>Board Committees</u> <b>Finance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bill list (Proposal to approve, 5 min) <b>Approved by Consensus</b></li> <li>Financial reports (5 min report)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governance and Policy</li> <li>Facilities</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <b>Rechartering - 2017</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Middle School</li> <li>Development</li> </ul>	Lee Merendino  Lori Friebohn	20	8:05 PM
8	Presentation	<u>School Committees</u> Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Food and Wellness</li> <li>Library</li> <li>Property and Facilities</li> <li>Seven Gen Lends</li> <li>Technology</li> </ul>	N/A	0	8:25 PM
9	Presentation	<u>Staff-led Committees</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Emotional &amp; Academic Culture Committee EIC</li> <li>Sunshine Committee (Staff)</li> <li>Sunshine Committee (Student)</li> </ul>	N/A	0	8:25 PM
10	Presentation	<u>Community Committee</u> <b>Seven Generations PTO</b> (Community Circle) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name change to increase recognition of what this group is and how it can help the school. This group can be reached at <a href="mailto:PTO@sevengen.org">PTO@sevengen.org</a></li> <li>Meetings will be held on the Thursday after the monthly BOT meeting.</li> </ul>	Gwyn Jones	10	8:25 PM
11	Discussion	Time allotted for last-minute additions and/or extensions		5	8:35 PM

12	Discussion	Public Comments (on any item relating to the school)	Anyone	10	8:40 PM
13	All present have opportunity to speak	<p>Evaluation of meeting</p> <p>General questions to keep in mind; but any evaluative comment is welcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What was the overall experience of participating in this meeting like?</li> <li>• Did we meet our goals for this meeting?</li> <li>• Was the process efficient, clear, and fair?</li> </ul>	Anyone	5	8:50 PM
14	Adjourn	Thank you for your time and participation in the Seven Gen. community!			8:55 PM