



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. 5:30 – 6:25
4/11/2017

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	5	5:35 PM
3	Discussion	Executive Session - Litigation	BoT / Admin	15	5:40 PM
4	Discussion	Executive Session - Employment	BoT / Admin	15	5:55 PM
5	Discussion	Executive Session - Property	BoT / Admin	15	6:10 PM
6	Adjourn	Please remain aware of the time. Plan to Start Business Meeting on time.			6:25 PM



Business Meeting Agenda
150 min. 6:30 – 8:50
4/11/2017



	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 • 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 March 21st and 28th, 2017.	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	10	6:45 PM
3	Acknowledgment	The Board of Trustees recognizes the following employment change: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacquelyn Musseman's employment contract ended as School Nurse as of March 29th, 2017. 	Andy Rowan	5	6:55 PM
4	Proposal	The Board of Trustees approves the proposed change to the 2017-2018 School Calendar. Addition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/30/18 8-4pm • New K Student Assessment Day- No School For Current K Students 	Amanda Cossman	5	7:00 PM
5	Presentation	Admin Team Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> PSSA Professional Development Schedule for 17-18 Differentiated Teacher Observations Foster Care Budget Presentation Closure of 3rd Grade Enrollment 	Paul Hunter	5	7:05 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 6 - 11 Facilities Rechartering Middle School Development	Lee Merendino Al Russell	15	7:10 PM

7	Proposal	<p>The Board of Trustees approves to moake the following minor editorial changes to our policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 014 – Dismissal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove phrase “as a trustee” after description of CEO • 144 – Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reword NCLB references to refer to ESSA • 159 – Bus Discipline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add reference to policy 160 – Board Hearing Officer - Change “Principal” to “CEO” (two occurrences) • 204 – Attendance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change “principal” to “administrator” - Add reference to policy 266 – Truancy • 216 – Access to Education Records <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reword NCLB reference to refer to ESSA - Add reference to copying fees in policy 801.1A • 218.1 – Weapons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove superfluous reference to No Child Left Behind • 222 – Tobacco <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove superfluous reference to No Child Left Behind 	Al Russell	10	7:25 PM
8	Proposal	<p>The Board of Trustees approves to moake the following minor editorial changes to our policies (Continued):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 226 – Searches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change “principal or the principal’s designee” to “CEO or designee” • 249 – Anti-bullying <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change “administrator” to “CEO” (8 occurrences) - Change “PRINCIPAL” to “CEO” • 251 – Homeless Students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reword NCLB references to refer to ESSA - Typo on last page “I n” should be “in” • 261 – Anti-Discrimination – Anti-Harassment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change “Chief Executive/Executive Officer or Principal” to “CEO or designee” (2 occurrences) • 263 – Disciplinary Exclusions and Hearings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Add reference to policy 160 – Board Hearing Officer • 265 – Code of Conduct <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change “principal or head of school” to “CEO or designee” - Change “principal or person in charge of the public school. Elementary*School” to “CEO” 	Al Russell	10	7:35 PM

8	Proposal	<p>The Board of Trustees approves to moake the following minor editorial changes to our policies (Continued):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 267 – Student Vacation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Removed unused (“SCGS”) abbreviation • 269 – Expunging of Records <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change “principal and/or board” to “CEO and/or designee” (3 occurrences) • 307 – Student Teachers and Interns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change “principal” to “CEO or designee” • 324 – Personnel Files <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove superfluous reference to No Child Left Behind • 361 – Employee Time-Off Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change “Principal/CEO” to “CEO” • 814 – Copyright Material <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change “CEO/Principal” to “CEO or designee” • 906 – Public Complaints <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remove superfluous example and reference of No Child Left Behind 	Al Russell	10	7:35 PM
9	Proposal	<p>The Board of Trustees approves to moake the following minor editorial changes to our policies (Continued):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 907 – School Visitors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change “principal” to “CEO or designee” (3 occurrences) • 917 – Parent Involvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reword NCLB references to ESSA • Annual FERPA notice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change “CEO/CAO/PRINCIPAL” “CEO or designee” 	Al Russell	10	7:45 PM
10	Proposal	<p>The Board of Trustees approves to modify the secretary responsibilities in our bylaws so that records may be kept electronically.</p>	Al Russell	5	7:55 PM
11	Proposal	<p>The Board of Trustees approves to adopt the following new/modified policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 160 – Board Hearing Officer • 266 – Truancy (replaces policy named School-Family Conference and Truancy Elimination) • 266B – Truancy Letters 	Al Russell	10	8:00 PM

