



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
1/12/2017

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
125 min. 6:30 – 8:35
1/12/2017



	Purpose of agenda item	Agenda item - Minutes	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 - All Present Approval of Minutes from previous month December 13th, 2016.- Approved by Consensus	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>): Community member asked about educating our teachers regarding sustainable practices. Group encouraged interaction with teachers to help everyone educate each other. Also, is it expected that students will be outside everyday? Administrative team decides if it is generally safe for the students to be able to outside recess. Rain and snow do not necessarily keep students inside.	Anyone	10	6:45 PM
3	Proposal	The Board of Trustees approves the following hire(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beverly Schantz-Ayers as a PT Paraprofessional at \$18.18 per hour - Approved by Consensus • Megan Roberts as a per diem substitute teacher at a rate of \$100.00/day - Approved by Consensus 	Andy Rowan	10	6:55 PM
4	Presentation	Principal's Report PTO Meeting went well, Team Building. Board member participation encouraged. Special Education audit occurred recently, report to follow. New website going live this weekend. Enrollment night coming up next week School-wide consistent message and presentation:website, T-Shirts, Folders, etc.	Paul Hunter	30	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.)					

5	Presentation	<u>Board Committees</u> Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill list (Proposal to approve, 5 min) - Approved by rollcall. • Financial reports (5 min report) Governance and Policy - Ref. Item 6 Facilities Rechartering - 2017 - East Penn staff expected for a visit on 1/25/2017. Community members encouraged to speak positively about SevenGen at East Penn School Board meetings. Middle School - School visits are planned to successful charter middle schools. Aligning committee member talents with tasks; extra curricular programs Development - Grant writing boot camp on 1/21 9:00 AM.	Lee Merendino Al Russell Lori Friebohn	30	7:35 PM
6	Proposal	The Board of Trustees approves to adopt the following new/modified policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 000 – Board Policy/Procedure/Guideline - Add rationale for policies - Approved by consensus. • 015 – Board Committees - New - Revise, will not be policy. Post for viewing on school website. • 015A – Board Goals - New - Revise, will not be policy. Post for viewing on school website. • 201 – Admissions - Make enrollment age equivalent to that of the student's home school district - Approved by consensus. • 367 – Employee Termination - Change requested by Andy - Revise, "comes first" to "earliest" Approved by consensus. • 916 - Volunteer Clearances - Revised - Approved by consensus. 	Al Russell	10	8:05 PM
7	Presentation	<u>Community Committee</u> Seven Generations PTO (Formerly Community Circle)	N/A	0	8:15 PM
8	Discussion	Time allotted for last-minute additions and/or extensions		5	8:15 PM
9	Discussion	Public Comments (on any item relating to the school)	Anyone	10	8:20 PM
10	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	8:30 PM
11	Adjourn	Thank you for your time and participation in the Seven Gen. community!			8:35 PM

Notes:
