



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
55 min. 5:30 – 6:25
10/10/2017

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	10	5:35 PM
3	Discussion	Executive Session - Employment	BoT / Admin	15	5:45 PM
4	Discussion	Executive Session - Litigation	BoT / Admin	15	6:00 PM
5	Discussion	Executive Session - Property	BoT / Admin	10	6:15 PM
6	Adjourn	Please remain aware of the time. Plan to Start Business Meeting on time.			6:25 PM



Business Meeting Agenda
115 min. 6:30 – 8:25
10/10/2017



	Purpose of agenda item	Agenda item	Presenter	Min.	Time
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 –or, if time is short, just the Core Values • Reading • Formal Consensus Reading/Review • Check in – give everyone in the room a chance to speak if possible • Call to order/Roll call: Josi Garcia, Ben Loomis, John Moser, Stephen Peters, Al Russell <p>Approval of Minutes from previous month September 12th & 26th, 2017.</p>	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	Proposal	The Board of Trustees approve Alan Russell (Board Co-Coordinator), Ben Loomis (Board Co-Coordinator), and Steve Peters (Board Treasurer) as the authorized check signers for the bank accounts of Seven Generations Charter School (no others should be included at this time (remove Lori Freibolin)).	Steve Peters	5	6:55 PM
4	Proposal	The Board appoints the two co-coordinators of the Board to comprise the Executive Committee. This committee shall act on behalf of the Board whenever there are any necessary discussions or actions needed in between meetings of the full Board. Based on the circumstances of the situation, they shall use their discretion to determine: when a special meeting of the Board may be necessary; when phone/email consultation with other Board members is appropriate; or when actions may be delayed until the next Board meeting. Any actions taken by the Executive Committee shall be ratified by the full Board at its next regular/special meeting.	Al Russell	10	7:00 PM
5	Discussion	Restructure of committees - Right now our committee/potential committee list includes the following: Finance [& Compliance], Governance & Policy, Grievance, Board Recruitment, Development, Middle School, Personnel, Property, School Performance/Strategic Planning. Nine committees is too many for a small board such as ours. Some of these could relatively easily be combined. What committees should we have? Who of the current board members should be the head of each of the resultant committees.	Al Russell	15	7:10 PM

6	Discussion	Board Recruitment - It has been suggested that we should aim for having approximately 9 board members by the end of the current school year. Is this a realistic goal? Should we make it our practice that any new board members have an initial term of 6-12 months so that (1) it can be an easier "sell" to those outside of our current community and (2) new board members can become used to us before committing to a full 3-year term? Also, currently the three experienced core members of the board all have terms that expire next summer. Should we have a reassignment of terms so not so many board members have terms expiring at the same time	Al Russell	10	7:25 PM
7	Presentation	Admin Team Report	Paul Hunter	20	7:35 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.)					
8	Presentation	<u>Board Committees</u> Finance • Bill list (Proposal to approve, 5 min) • Financial reports (5 min report) Governance and Policy - http://sevengenarterschool.blogspot.com/ Facilities Middle School Development	Lee Merendino	15	7:55 PM
9	Presentation	<u>Community Committee</u> Seven Generations PTO	N/A	0	8:10 PM
10	Discussion	Time allotted for last-minute additions and/or extensions		5	8:10 PM
11	Discussion	Public Comments (on any item relating to the school)	Anyone	5	8:15 PM
12	All present have opportunity to speak	Evaluation of meeting General questions to keep in mind; but any evaluative comment is welcome: • 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	8:20 PM
13	Adjourn	Thank you for your time and participation in the Seven Gen. community!			8:25 PM

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