

Sky Mountain Charter School Meeting Minutes

SMCS Parent Council Meeting

Teleconference meeting October 14, 2008 1:30pm-2:00pm

1.Call to order

2.Pledge of Allegiance

3.Introductions/Welcome/Roll Call

Shana Fisk, Director, Sky Mountain Charter School introduced herself and welcomed the 2009 school year Parent Council members.

Sarah Coyan, Parent Support, Sky Mountain Charter School introduced herself to the 2009 school year Parent Council members.

Attendees: Shana Fisk, Sarah Coyan, Jean Jamieson, Candice Blanco, Elizabeth Gath, Cherry Borm, Alyssa Canann, Tammy Williamson, Stephanie Kiler, Shannon Towler, Jillian Foote, Myriam LeVan, Katherine MacNeish, Melissa Hoyal

4.Hearing of the Public

No comments

5.Discussion Items

A. Duties of Parent Council Members and Officers

link to the Sky Mountain Charter:

<http://www.skymountaincs.org/handbook/charterdocs/Sky%20Mountain%20Charter.pdf>

Bottom of p.9 to top of p. 11 is the parent council section of the charter stating the governance structure and duties of the parent council. Pages 6-8 cover the measurable student outcomes (ESLR's Expected Schoolwide Learning Results).

-Parent Council: uphold mission, monitor school performance, make suggestions, serve 2 years, quorum necessary for an official meeting.

-IEM is in charge of the books/financial responsibility for Sky Mountain. That is the way the charter is written for SMCS. Parent Council will get financial reports each month.

B. Subcommittees (each parent council member is to serve on a subcommittee)

-WASC, GEA, Yearbook, Fundraising, STAR testing, Graduation

C. Enrollment Update

Sky Mountain as of today has 926 active students and 60 prospective students (on a waiting list or paperwork pending) this is almost double of last year when we had 450 students at the start of the year and 550 students at the end of the year.

D. WASC Update

The following is a link with information regarding the WASC process <http://www.acswasc.org/index.htm> WASC is new this year SMCS did submit a request last spring but needed to wait until our 2nd year to have a WASC visit. WASC is very important as the process determines our accreditation. Accreditation means that the school is worthy of the trust that can be placed in them. Accreditation means that as a school we will continually be improving ourselves and we will look at where we are and how we can continue to improve. For High School students it can be important for their school to be WASC accredited because some colleges require or prefer that they graduated from a WASC accredited school. This can also come in to play with the military.

This February is when WASC will be coming to visit our school. They will visit the teachers and parents. WASC will review our school documents and make a determination on our accreditation status. They can give a 1-6 year stamp of approval or request a revisit. The WASC subcommittee will be involved with the WASC accreditation process.

6. Action Items

A. To elect Parent Council Officers:

- President - Jillian Foote (voted in by Shannon Towler and Beth Gath)
- Secretary - Sarah Coyan (voted in by Beth Gath and Jillian Foote)
- Treasurer - Elizabeth Gath (voted in by Candice Blanco and Jean Jamieson)

B. To determine which individuals will serve on each subcommittees:

- WASC: Myriam LeVan
- GEA: Elizabeth Gath, Melissa Hoyal,
- Yearbook: Katherine MacNeish, Candice Blanco
- Fundraising: Jillian Foote (Talk with Shana about "box tops for education")
- STAR testing: Shannon Towler, Tammy Williamson, Alyssa Canann
- Graduation: Jean Jamieson
- Open to other subcommittees as well if a need arises

Note: These subcommittees are designed and customized by the parents

You do not have to be a member of the parent council in order to serve on a subcommittee; being on a subcommittee is a great way for parents to be involved. If you were not at the meeting today or if you know a SMCS parent who may want to be involved with the subcommittees please email Sarah Coyan at scoyan@ieminc.org

7. Adjourn

Thank you from Shana Fisk to the parent council members, we will meet again in the Spring. Sarah Coyan will email the date of the next meeting in the next couple of weeks.