

# Morningstar Mystery School

## Board of Directors

### June 2025 Meeting

### Minutes

June 14, 2025

Present: Doneby, Ealasaid, Jenn, Laura, Sandra

Facilitator: Jenn

Called to Order at 11:04am

- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together and reciting the Holy Mother prayer, inviting Lux
- Brief check in
- Approve minutes from previous meeting
  - Approved
- Action items from last time
  - Everybody
    - Look at Mission Statement -  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1rkuxnlySJKqfIE2BVT4hl8AuK0aAdFpx4IFZ56YNjyg/edit?usp=sharing>
    - Look at teaching children policy -  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VVYO6umd8WuTQfCAKwXxNRaS-B2cK\\_PCQ4KbE7tIO1c/edit?tab=t.0](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1VVYO6umd8WuTQfCAKwXxNRaS-B2cK_PCQ4KbE7tIO1c/edit?tab=t.0)
  - Doneby
  - Ealasaid
    - Add conflict resolution doc to June agenda - Yes
    - Add Mission Statement rewrite to June agenda - Yes
    - Add link to deep dive topics sheet in Drive to the notes -
    - Make Sandra's change to minutes – did but didn't send around
    - Email re all school meeting - Yep
    - Set up draft for social media statement re: Meta presence - Yep
    - Add retreat reports to agenda going forward - Yes
  - Jenn
    - Meet w/John and determine who has paid/not paid dues - Yes
    - Follow up with John re: unclear money in/out - Yes

- Laura
  - Share link to doc with group - yes
  - Talk to friend(s) re working with kids – Yes, got nothing
  - Share election timeline doc - Yes
  - Bad Cop Signal message – Yes, and Lyssa will also put in newsletter
  - Check if we have an announcements list for classes – Yes, emailed us all about that
- Sandra
  - Set up signal chat for board - Yes
  - Email Tony to thank for his advertising us, offering support – Yes, need to discuss
- Old Business - none
- New Business
  - Retreat report – nothing to report, Laura and Jenn need to meet. Have survey results.
    - Jenn - Think it's too late to make something happen in Fall, probably look at 2026 retreat in late winter/spring.
  - Special meeting next time – What We've Accomplished
    - E: Do we want to move special meetings from the meeting after solstices to the meeting in the same month? Otherwise our Summer Solstice meeting is in August, not July and Winter Solstice is in February.
      - Laura: likes idea of looking at it. Wants to add, we 're having six meetings a year. If we take two meetings for that, we only have four meetings where we're doing things. Can we find a way to do both of them in December? Looking back and looking ahead together. Building momentum is important.
      - Sandra: agrees. In February we kind of didn't do our normal everybody look at cards and stuff, we just talked about things. Which was good, but suggests the usefulness of that previous paradigm is coming to a close. Taking down to once a year feels good.
      - Laura: we could do a survey with things people are proud of, that kind of thing. Then we'd have a chance to reflect on it, look at what went well/didn't. Lessons learned, next steps kind of thing. WE can work asynchronously on some of this. Doesn't want to get rid of magic like looking at cards. But also wants to make sure we don't get caught up in "we wanted to do X but didn't"
      - Sandra: it's important that as the board we make sure we're holding the common vision for the school. If we do it once a year, do we want to make it an open meeting people can join in if they want? Maybe nobody will but if it's the vision for the school let's invite the school
      - E: likes open meeting idea, help people see what we're up to
      - Sandra: we could have the board meet briefly before we open it to the school – eg we meet at 10 and invite folks to come starting 10:30.

- Doneby: also there's the all-school chat before that board meeting could talk about this stuff. "the board is about to meet and talk big picture, do you have input"
  - Laura: tension around people who say "we should do this" and then don't help, but likes idea of survey messaging, talking during all school chat, then finding a way to open the meeting to see/take part in visioning. Agrees it's the school vision, not just the board one
  - Jenn: if we do invite people, would want to keep the whole thing open, we're not doing anything secretive, we can let them see the boring part, that's fine
  - Sandra: There's potential that we're doing things that should be kept among the board only but that's really rare. Eg treasurer saying someone doesn't pay their dues.
  - Laura: but we could do a special meeting for that stuff
  - Sandra: we could open board meetings completely so people can join if they want
  - Laura: likes idea of testing ideas, playing with it, seeing what works.
  - Jenn: so do we want to move to the one meeting both things, starting this with the December meeting. So we'd need to talk about the survey/planning in the October meeting so it's ready for December.
  - Laura We can advertise in October and November all school chats, though they're sparsely attended. Is okay if like one person shows up, we're making it a possibility for people.
  - E: just to confirm, this means next month we are not doing the special meeting?
  - Yes.
- Is there a newsletter coming up? (they go out on Equinoxes and Solstices) If so, let's send them an update.
  - Laura: yes! Lyssa is working on it. Right now we have the board election and the class Laura is teaching. Anybody have anything else? If so let Lyssa know.
  - Doneby: where are we at with the election?
  - Laura: voting is currently happening, wraps July 2<sup>nd</sup>. After that E will share with the board the election results and we'll then let the whole school know. Likes the template we did this time where we listed who isn't being voted on. Maybe for voting timeline our notes on how to do this? Documentation?
- Deep-Dive topic(s) this month
  - Conflict Resolution doc  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1S4Eexy6lRC66bCZ56FDfCrQ4iFoIInBa/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=100928926298549394520&rtpof=true&sd=true>
  - Mission Statement rewrite – postpone to next time  
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- Roles and Responsibilities
- Action Items
  - Everybody
    - Review Tony's response and discuss our response to it via email
    - Review the mission statement doc
  - Ealasaid
    - Send adjusted minutes around (February minutes?)
    - Update the board template to reflect new October/December meeting things (prep for annual special meeting, annual special meeting)
    - Meet up with Laura to discuss standard voting procedure for board election
    - Move mission statement stuff to next meeting
    - July 3rd review election results and share with board
  - Laura
    - Teacher resources list for KB - Ping Teaching pillar
    - Go through Conflict Resolution document and apply all current comments
    - Let the board know when the doc is ready to rock and we should go through it again
    - Update board email list to make sure it's in accordance with the election results
  - Sandra
    - Post/email with board election results when they're in
- Confirm next month's call – August 9, 2025 10am Pacific
- Facilitator leads everyone in taking a breath together, thanking Lux, and reciting the Holy Mother prayer.