

Mountain Island Charter School Soar Foundation Meeting
7.6.2026 Agenda

Call to Order: 9:00PM, Admin Conf Room

Jenny C, Della A, Jenny E, Ally O, Laura V, Brandon J, John R, Kevin W, Rod H, Jenn C, Mike S, Eric L, Glenn B

Approve Minutes from last meeting Eric L motion, Mike S second

From Last Meeting

- Generosity in Action Grant procedure for next year (Jenny Curry)
 - Grant evaluation Rubric Rubric sent to board. Grant apps will go to admin first to filter, then pass to grant review committee to score based on rubric. Categories are weighted to allow to score for priorities/novelties. Suggestion for grant submission: admin sends google form to teachers, sends admin-approved submissions to Soar. Suggest to add a max of \$2500 per grant application, total budget \$10,000. Admin will follow up for end-of-year report on how grant money has been spent/impacted students. Application will be open to anyone (sports, arts, clubs, individual teachers).
 - Grant Committee Will be Jenny C, Della A, Eric L, Ally O, with Glenn B joining. Submissions due 9/21, Admin review by 9/25, Committee will review week of 9/28.
 - Budget total budget 10k

Fundraising/Committee Reports:

- PTO (Ally O'Regan) - Event dates finalized, new spirit night coordinator working on events. HS top golf event added after mother/son event
 - Budget update some groups asked for increased budget—fall festival, room parents, staff appreciation, book fair asked for more. Last year's book fairs raised 61k, 26k given back to school in books.

- Goals for next year? New events and event committees, creation of playbooks for events by current leads to help with transition to new leadership when the time comes.
- Raptor Run Committee (Ally O'Regan)
 - Budget update Raptor run asked for increase from 23k to 27k to account for new activities in middle/high school group.
 - Goals for next year? Students are coming up with ideas to involve more upper school students in Raptor Run fundraising. We'd love to have more middle/high involvement, so we need ways to reach those parents too. Lots of students want to volunteer as well to get their service hours for various clubs. Possible consideration for a separate event for HS on Thurs that HS feels more fits them? Or more investment into MS event and make it more about volunteering for HS students?
- SOAR Sponsorships (Laura Vaughn) -
 - Yearly collection update - new sponsors this year? Last year we collected \$47,641—number includes collection from overdue/uncollected revenue from year before, 8 new sponsors
 - Thursday folder advertisements. 9 spots sold to sponsors already at \$250
 - Goals for next year? \$40,000 sponsorship goal, accounts for the fact that last year some revenue was from year prior. Laura is going to focus on continuing to get new sponsors. Maybe reach out to people who rent athletic facilities for sponsorship, but there are challenges with that.
- Marketing (Jenny Cury) -
 - Budget update \$2000, down from \$3000
 - Goals for next year? Awards Express is new provider for Soar Merch. This year we're marketing on Thurs folders,

summer letter, links to transportation fundraising campaign. So far we've raised \$60k (usually get \$75k for busses). QR code goes to GiveButter page and that explains benefit of busses/donating to busses. Letter will also have QR code to page with quotes from Staff about how they used their extra \$100.

- New next year - planned Bi-monthly Soar Foundation Newsletter Will go out every other month after Soar meeting summarizing what we've done, info about community events, feature alumni achievements, ways to give. Will consider sending to whole email list with option to opt out.
- Summer letter contains a volunteer interest form This is to help find volunteers for events/leadership opportunities, people to help plan and execute events, people to reach out to when we need help with things
- Bus donations - \$75k goal
 - Worked with admin on communication
 - Have transportation fleet campaign on give butter (in summer Soar letter)
 - \$51,525
- Tours - will plan to offer tours at evaluation next year and would like to consider offering tours to interested parents to gain access to parents earlier in their decision making process and control our school narrative.
- Working with Eric and Della on summer projects - Merch (vendor and school theme collaboration), parental letter (sent out for review and comments), stickers (ordered), kindergarten tshirts
- Email to graduates (will continue yearly)
- Planning to be present and talk at all orientations and back to school night. Can we use the volunteer sign up form at these events?
- Dad's Club addition next year (Brandon Merritt Johnson)

- Community Night at Royal Bliss Tuesday Sept 1 (Jenny Curry)
Cheerleaders doing babysitting at school, we'd love to get more new faces at the event

Board Items:

- YMCA benefit - budget about 25 percent of staff uses it, they get a great deal
- Soarfoundation email roll-over (Eric and Della)
- Website update
- Chair will be attending a portion of the school board retreat to present Soar updates and be present for strategic planning committee discussion
- School Soar support - clarity on new roles

Financial Report:

- General Financial Report, CDs Less sporadic giving noted, but the big fundraiser numbers are good, so it offsets it. Interest rates on CD is falling, but hope for \$30k interest from that. Slight decrease in bus revenue due to donation style fees. Some increases in budget expenses for different events and for grant program. We will have to do a Capital Needs Assessment next year (\$10k)--bond holders require this every 5 years to inspect property; they look at the property and give report on what they determine the property will need so that we know big repair/replace expenses coming. Looking ahead two years, we are projected to need 3 busses, so we will look and see if that need is actually going to be there or if we won't need any/as many--just need to keep an eye on it as we move forward. Fundraising was up \$40k last year.
- YTD update
- 2026/27 Budget review and approval Eric L motion, Mike S second, approved

2026-2027 School year meetings

Mondays 9am, Sept 14, Nov 9, Jan 11, March 8, May 10.