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Structure & Accountability

Mesa Valley Community School is a charter school operating under a contract with its authorizer, Mesa County Valley School District #51. As a public school in Colorado, MVCS operates within applicable US Federal laws, Colorado State laws, and Colorado Department of Education directives.

Mesa Valley Community School, Inc. is a non-profit corporation governed by the MVCS Board of Directors. The Board of Directors keep the school true to the Mission and Vision Statements and are themselves guided by the Bylaws of the MVCS Corporation, the Contract between School District #51 and MVCS, and the Philosophy and Operating Principles of MVCS outlined in the Policy Book. MVCS Board of Directors members do the following:

- Uphold the Mission, Vision, Philosophy, and Operating Principles of MVCS through discussion, decision-making, and policy writing.
- Attend monthly Board meetings, special meetings, committee meetings, and work sessions.
- Serve in the capacity of President, Secretary, or Treasurer as needed.
- Create and/or amend MVCS policy via consensus.
- Hire and hold accountable the Administrative Director of MVCS.
- Review and act on substantive recommendations made by the Director including—but not limited to—funding, personnel, public relations, student achievement, and accountability.
- Make policy or budget decisions only after obtaining Administrative Director input.
- Are personal, positive representatives of MVCS.
- Have a strategy for keeping in touch with real people and issues in the MVCS community.
- Provide proper financial oversight and assist in developing the annual budget.
- Ensure legal and ethical integrity and maintain accountability.
- Are responsible for final accountability for the school's academic success, organizational viability, and faithfulness to the terms of the contract with its authorizer.
- Recruit and orient new board members, assess board performance, and assure ongoing board member training and development.

- Serve as Board members without a salary.
- Sign agreements with outside entities after they have been negotiated by the Administrative Director. Such agreements must be in line with the Mission, Vision, Philosophy, Operating Principles, Contract with District, law, etc.
- Abide by the Conflict of Interest Policy in the MVCS Bylaws.

The Board of Directors selects, supports, and guides the Administrative Director who is accountable to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors delegates the responsibility for effectively implementing the MVCS Mission and Vision and managing the day-to-day operation of MVCS to the Administrative Director. The Administrative Director is responsible to act as the primary liaison point with District Administration. In addition to this, the Administrative Director selects, supports, and guides all MVCS staff, holding them accountable.

Parents who have enrolled their children in MVCS work closely with staff members who support and guide them as they educate their children. Academic Advisors work cooperatively with parents to create and follow a Personalized Learning Plan (PLP) for each student. Family Advisors work cooperatively with parents to help them access resources for the education outlined in the PLP (e.g. curriculum and tutors). Both Academic and Family Advisors as well as other relevant staff members hold parents accountable for adherence to MVCS policies.

Parents may choose to partner with businesses or independent contractors to implement their children's PLPs. These arrangements are made between the parents and the businesses or independent contractors. As such, parents are ultimately responsible for any financial obligations incurred in this way. Liability is likewise a matter between the parents and the businesses or independent contractors.