

CALIFORNIA MONTESSORI PROJECT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
April 11, 2011 MINUTES

DATE: Monday, April 11, 2011
TIME: 6:30 pm
MEETING PLACE: Orangevale Campus, 6545 Beech Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662
EMERGENCY CONTACT: Gary Bowman at (916) 204-0271

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL 6:33 PM

1.01 Roll Call	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick Dakis	Parent Representative – Elk Grove
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jayna Gaskell	Charter School Representative
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patty Hagemeyer	District Representative – Sacramento City
	<input type="checkbox"/> Temperance Harkins	Parent Representative – Capitol
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rob Henderson	Business Representative (Chairperson)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raquel Leuze	Parent Representative – American River (Vice President)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Nelson	Parent Representative – Shingle Springs
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenny Savakus	Community Representative (Chief Financial Officer)
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natasha Vidic	Parent Representative - Carmichael
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deb Williams	Teacher Representative – American River
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Wolff	Montessori Representative

Teleconference Location: 28 Villanova Drive, Oakland, CA 94611
15825 St. Alban's Place, Truckee, CA 96161

2. COMMUNICATION FROM PUBLIC/RECOGNITION 6:34 PM

2.01 Recognize meeting hosts The Board thanked Dorothy Hilts for hosting the meeting.
2.02 Public Comment None.
2.03 Public Acknowledgment
Dorothy acknowledged parent volunteers Brandy Boyd (who organized Teacher Appreciation Week) and Deborah Bain (whose efforts include service as the school's Art Docent), and Teacher Michelle Holden (for her positive attitude and exceptional performance).

3. CONSENT AGENDA 6:39 PM

3.01 Minutes from the Regular Governing Board Meeting of March 14, 2011
3.02 2011-2012 Special Education and Related Services MOU between CMP-Capitol and YCOE SELPA
3.03 2011-2012 Special Education and Related Services MOU between CMP-EG and YCOE SELPA
3.04 2011-2012 Special Education and Related Services MOU between CMP-San Juan and YCOE SELPA
3.05 2011-2012 Special Education and Related Services MOU between CMP-SS and YCOE SELPA
3.06 2011-2012 CASEMIS Memorandum of Understanding with Wheatland School District
3.07 2011-2012 Financial Memorandum of Understanding with Wheatland School District
3.08 2009-2010 CMP-Capitol SARC
3.09 2009-2010 CMP-Elk Grove SARC
3.10 2009-2010 CMP-San Juan SARC
3.11 2009-2010 CMP-Shingle Springs SARC

Gary Bowman requested to pull Item 3.07 from the Consent Agenda.
Dave Nelson moved to approve the consent agenda, excluding Item 3.07. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion.
Voice vote taken: 9 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.

Item 3.07 – Gary and Wheatland School District support extending the Financial MOU for a 3-year term. Dave Nelson moved to approve the MOU for a 3-year term. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion.
Voice vote taken: 9 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS 6:50 PM

4.01 Campus Advisory Council Report Dorothy Hilts

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The newly-established Orangevale CAC is now meeting on a regular basis. The Parent Reps are Lori Mann and Mendy Johnston. Fundraising discussions have included selling hot chocolate at the Folsom Zoo, organizing pizza luncheons for the students and coordinating a Walk-a-Thon.

4.02 Campus Reports – Orangevale

Jonathan Feagle

Teacher Jonathan Feagle reported that the current enrollment at CMP-Orangevale is at 138 students, which is 3 over budget. Recent campus events include: a Winter Festival combined with a Science Fair, which was attended by the majority of families; parent conference; and a campus spruce-up day. Jonathan also thanked all of the parents, students and staff for their involvement in the WASC process and stated that the campus looks forward to hearing from the WASC review team in June.

4.03 Form 700

Stephanie Garrettson

Stephanie reminded Board Members that the Form 700 was due at the beginning of the month.

4.04 General Report from the CMP Superintendent/Executive Director

Gary Bowman

- SARCs: Gary acknowledged CAT's Jacky Murray who coordinated the in-house publishing of the 2009-2010 CMP SARCs (approved at this meeting's Consent Agenda). Jacky Murray worked with staff and state entities to compile all of the data, and, ultimately, assemble and format the SARCs.
- Burgundy and Gold Gala – Gary recognized Stephanie Garrettson and Carrie Klagenberg for their organization of this memorable event, which was held to celebrate CMP's '10 Years of Excellence.'
- Trustee's Dinner: Gary reminded Board members of the Annual Trustee's Dinner, sponsored by the YCOE SELPA, and hosted in Marysville. Natasha Vidic offered to attend the event again this year.
- Facilities Update: Carmichael – Gary reported that he is continuing to negotiate with all parties for use of facilities for CMP-Carmichael, effective July, 2011.
- Prop 55: Elk Grove and Shingle Springs – Gary reported that the primary consultant for CSFA reviewed the fiscal status for CMP-EG and CMP-SS and is recommending a positive determination of fiscal solvency. Director Katrina Johantgen will make a final recommendation to the CSFA board.
- Charter Renewal Update: CMP-EG – EGUSD staff have reviewed CMP-EG's Charter Petition and have suggested that CMP-EG revise its safety plan to align with the NIMS format (instead of SEMS). CMP has agreed that language in the charter that CMP will collaborate with EGUSD to align the safety plans. We expect it the approval process to go smoothly. April 26th is the Public Hearing.
- WASC/AMS Accreditation Updates –WASC visitations have, thus far, generally been affirming and validating. Final reports should be received in May or June for all campuses. The CMP-EG WASC reception was held on Sunday afternoon, April 10th.
- Staff Job Descriptions and Evaluation Process – Gary is currently reviewing job descriptions. Principals and CAT have agreed to terms of an evaluation process which includes goal setting.
- CMP-Orangevale – Gary is negotiating with SJUSD for the usage of 2-3 additional rooms at the Orangevale campus.
- Lottery – Gary reported that the Kindergarten 'draw' was on April 1st. Gary commended Stephanie Garrettson and CAT staff, who performed the draw, which was the first draw attended by the public.
- May 9 – Gary is hosting CMP tour with Yuba County Office of Education Superintendent Scotia Holmes Sanchez and Yuba County Office of Education SELPA Administrator Rusty Gordon.

5. ACTION ITEMS

7:17 PM

5.01 Consideration of Student Freedom of Speech/Expression: Publication Code Policy

The drafted policy was not included in the Board packet. This item will be tabled until the May Meeting.

5.02 Consideration of Resolution 2010-2011.3: Amending the 2010-2011 Compensation for the Executive Director

During the March Board Meeting Closed Session, Rob Henderson was directed to enter into agreement with Gary. This resolution is a matter of record keeping. Nick Dakis moved to approve Resolution 2010-2011.3. Raquel Leuze seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 9 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.

5.03 Gates Compact Agreement between SCUSD and SCUSD Charter Schools

Representatives of the SCUSD District and SCUSD Independent Charter Schools are currently negotiating terms of a Compact Agreement through the Gates Foundation. As there may be tight deadlines, Gary is requesting permission to enter into said agreements if they are deemed beneficial to CMP-Capitol Campus. Natasha Vidic moved to approve Gary Bowman to represent CMP in signing the Compact Agreement and reporting back to the board. Dave Nelson seconded the motion.

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6. DISCUSSION AGENDA 7:40 PM

- 6.01 Board Self-Evaluation**
Stephanie Garrettson will e-mail the drafted Self-Evaluation to the Board Members prior to the next Board Meeting. The Board Members will complete the Self-Evaluation as a means of preparation to participate in a discussion at the April Board Meeting on revising the tool.
- 6.02 Governing Board Elections**
The campuses will send out notifications to families to as reminders to vote.
- 6.03 Resolution regarding the CMP Network going “Green”**
Campuses are working on individual resolutions that the Board will be able to use as a starting point.
- 6.04 CMP Teacher Representative**
Gary Bowman has invited Principals to submit names, and will narrow it to 2-3 candidates for the Board to interview. Rob Henderson, Natasha Vidic, Dave Nelson and Nick Dakis volunteered to sit on the committee of interviewing the candidates. Deb Williams will help craft the questions for the interview committee. The Board hopes to reach a decision prior to the May Board meeting.
- 6.05 Suggested Items for Discussion at Future Meetings presented by Board Members**
The Executive Director performance goals will be discussed.
Deb Williams will discuss the topic of Board Duties, as gleaned at the recent AMS Chicago conference.
Board to discuss addressing the scope of CMP’s Strategic Plan (i.e. is it too broad?) Possible Retreat item.

7. CORRESPONDENCE 7:56 PM

- 7.01 Correspondence from the Public**
Gary shared a letter from the ‘Head of School of the Haitian Montessori School’ that CMP has supported through over \$4700 in donations, primarily through student efforts. Raquel Leuze encouraged Gary to share this letter with the students.

8. CLOSED SESSION 8:01 PM

- 8.01 Pursuant to the Brown act, a closed session shall be conducted with respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54957, Public Employment.**
- Public Employee Performance 2010-2011 Evaluation
Title: Executive Director
- 8.02 Pursuant to the Brown act, a closed session shall be conducted with respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54956.9. None.**
- 8.03 Pursuant to the Brown act, a closed session shall be conducted with respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Section 54956(b): 1, Significant Exposure to Litigation. None.**
- 8.04 Pursuant to the Brown act, a closed session shall be conducted with respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Sections 35146 and 48918(c), Pupil Discipline. None.**

9. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 8:07 PM

10. MEETING ADJOURNMENT 8:12 PM

Natasha Vidic moved to adjourn the meeting. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion.
Voice vote taken: 9 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.