

**CALIFORNIA MONTESSORI PROJECT**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**  
September 13, 2010 MINUTES

**DATE:** Monday, September 13, 2010  
**TIME:** 6:30 pm  
**MEETING PLACE:** Capitol Campus  
2635 Chestnut Hill Dr  
Sacramento, CA 95628  
**EMERGENCY CONTACT:** Gary Bowman at (916) 204-0271

**1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL 6:36 PM**

<b>1.01</b>	<b>Roll Call</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jayna Gaskell	Charter School Representative (Interim Chairperson)
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patty Hagemeyer	District Representative – Sacramento City
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temperance Harkins	Parent Representative – Capitol
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rob Henderson	Business Representative
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Raquel Leuze	Parent Representative – American River
		<input type="checkbox"/> Robbie Montalbano	District Representative (non-voting) – Buckeye
		<input type="checkbox"/> Christy Moustris	District Representative (non-voting) – Elk Grove
		<input type="checkbox"/> Dave Nelson	Parent Representative – Shingle Springs
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenny Savakus	Community Representative (Chief Financial Officer)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Paula Tarpenning	District Representative (non-voting) – San Juan
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natasha Vidic	Parent Representative - Carmichael
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deb Williams	Teacher Representative – American River
		<input type="checkbox"/> Jonathan Wolff	Montessori Representative

There was an error in the making of the Agenda and Jonathan Wolff was not listed as participating via a teleconference location. Jonathan will listen to a portion of the meeting via speaker phone, but will not participate as a voting member.

**2. COMMUNICATION FROM PUBLIC/RECOGNITION 6:35 PM**

- 2.01 Recognize meeting hosts**  
CMP-Capitol Campus was acknowledged for hosting the Board meeting. Sacramento City Unified School District Superintendent, Jonathan Raymond, was introduced.
- 2.02 Public Comment**  
Superintendent Raymond stated that he is very proud of CMP-Capitol Campus at Thomas Jefferson, and appreciated the hospitality that he received during his recent visit. Principal Bernie Evangelista, on behalf of CMP, expressed gratitude to SCUSD for their sponsorship and for their ongoing support. Board President Jayna Gaskell stated that CMP is happy to be part of the SCUSD family.
- 2.03 Public Acknowledgment**  
Bernie Evangelista acknowledged parent Susana Rodriguez for her the many services she has provided for the school, especially as fundraising chairperson. Bernie also acknowledged teacher Kristin Yarbrough for her commitment, dedication, team spirit and positive attitude.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA 6:40 PM**

- 3.01 Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of June 14, 2010**
- 3.02 Approval to Apply for Class Size Reduction Funds for the 2010-2011 School Year**
- 3.03 Out of State Fieldtrip for the Capitol and Elk Grove Middle Schools to attend the Ashland Oregon Shakespeare Festival**
- 3.04 Approval for membership of the CMP Administrative Panel for Expulsion Hearings to include Campus Education Specialists and Principals**

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**3.05 Approval of a Petty Cash amount of \$400 at the CMP-San Juan, Orangevale site and any future CMP sites**

Rob Henderson moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 7 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.

**4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS 7:28 PM**

**4.01 Campus Reports – Capitol Bernie Evangelista**

Bernie reported that the campus has designated the Eagle as their new mascot, and adopted congratulated the staff and students on their STAR API score of 856.

Natasha Vidic arrived at 7:35.

**4.02 Round Table Update Kim Aldridge**

Kim reported that the Principals have been developing their leadership teams, with the Educational Specialists. The primary focus for the Educational Specialists is curriculum and staff development.

**4.03 Safety Report Bernie Evangelista**

- Classroom Emergency Kits
- Bernie shared the Model School Safety Plans that are used on site, and the Classroom Emergency Kits.

**4.04 eScrip Presentation Raquel Leuze**

Raquel shared a powerpoint presentation about eScrip, and also shared information about the Quality of Life Program.

**4.05 General Report from the CMP Superintendent/Executive Director Gary Bowman**

- School Startup  
Despite the fact that both the Orangevale and the American River campuses had copper wiring stolen, startup at the schools went well this year.
- Pledge Drive  
Over the past couple of years, CMP has worked really hard at reducing expenditures, without compromising the integrity of the program. This year, due to ongoing budget cuts, Gary is seeking support from parents through a network-wide pledge drive.
- 2009-2010 STAR/API Results  
Gary shared the newly released STAR Test/API results. All CMP schools did very well, and have attained higher scores than those of the sponsoring districts. CMP API scores range from 799 to 909. Gary commended the instructional staffs, leadership teams and students for their exceptional efforts.

**5. ACTION ITEMS 7:15 /8:34PM**

Tami Johnson presented the budget items (5.01 – 5.04) from 6:51 – 7:28.

**5.01 Consideration of the 2009-2010 California Montessori Project – Capitol Un-audited Actual**

Rob Henderson moved to approve the 2009-2010 California Montessori Project – Capitol Un-audited Actual. Raquel Leuze seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 7 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.

**5.02 Consideration of the 2009-2010 California Montessori Project – Elk Grove Un-audited Actual**

Temperance Harkins moved to approve the 2009-2010 California Montessori Project – Elk Grove Un-audited Actual. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 7 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.

**5.03 Consideration of the 2009-2010 California Montessori Project – San Juan Un-audited Actual**

Temperance Harkins moved to approve the 2009-2010 California Montessori Project – San Juan Un-audited Actual. Jayna Gaskell seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 7 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.

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**5.04 Consideration of the 2009-2010 California Montessori Project – Shingle Springs Un-audited Actual**  
Rob Henderson moved to approve the 2009-2010 California Montessori Project – Shingle Springs Un-audited Actual. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 7 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.

**5.05 Board to Elect the Chair of the Governing Board**

Jayna nominated Rob Henderson to fill the seat of Governing Board chairperson. Jenny Savakus seconded the nomination. Rob accepted the nomination. No other nominations were received. Roll call vote taken:

Raquel Leuze – Aye	Deb Williams – Aye
Jenny Savakus – Aye	Patty Hagemeyer – Aye
Jayna Gaskell – Aye	Rob Henderson – Aye
Natasha Vidic – Aye	Temperance Harkins - Aye

Rob Henderson is confirmed as the Board Chair, with the position becoming effective September 14, 2010.

**5.06 Consideration of Approval of Updated Fieldtrip Policy**

Natasha Vidic moved to approve the updated Fieldtrip Policy. Rob Henderson seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 8 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.

**5.07 Board to Select an Annual Meeting Date**

The Annual Meeting date will be held on November 6<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 4 pm. Topics may include: facilities acquisition at Elk Grove and Shingle Springs, compensatory packages for 2011-2012, transitional leadership, expansion and/or preschool. Temperance Harkins moved to approve the annual meeting date of November 6, 2010. Deb Williams seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 8 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.

**6. DISCUSSION AGENDA**

**8:51 PM**

**6.01 Strategic Planning Update**

Gary will submit the Strategic Plan to the Board members on October 29<sup>th</sup> for the Board Members to discuss at the November 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting.

**6.02 Policy on Appointing Board Members**

Tabled.

**6.03 Update regarding Change in Nonprofit Corporation Law**

CMP has been advised that Nonprofit Corporation Law has been changed to reflect that nonvoting members cannot sit on the Board. Stephanie will inform nonvoting members of this advisory, and the revised bylaws will be brought to the next meeting for Board approval.

**6.04 Charter Renewal (EGUSD, SCUSD, SJUSD): Enrollment Preferences and Governance Structure**

Gary discussed potential material revisions of the Renewal Charters, including the areas of enrollment preferences and governance structure. Gary will be presenting the Charter for approval at the October meeting.

**6.05 Conflict of Interest/Form 700**

Stephanie will send the Form 700 link to the Governing Board members.

**6.06 CMP-Elk Grove Parent Representative - Board Vacancy**

As per CMP's bylaws, Board member Tom Cerussi no longer meets the criteria to serve as a Parent Representative on the Board, as he has disenrolled his child from the Elk Grove Campus. Gary reported that Tom is still supportive of CMP and has offered to continue his service to CMP, as appropriate. The Board discussed revising the current bylaws to allow for using an appointment process to fill vacated seats.

**6.07 New Law Requires Charter Schools to Adopt Policy Guaranteeing Student Rights to Free Speech and Press**

CMP will draft a policy, and bring to the Governing Board for approval.

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- 6.08 Suggested Items for Discussion at Future Meetings presented by Board Members**  
Temperance Harkins suggested doing a potluck at the October Board meeting to celebrate the passing of the gavel to Rob Henderson. Stephanie Garrettson will organize the potluck.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE 9:40 PM**  
**7.01 Correspondence from the Public**  
None.

**8. CLOSED SESSION 9:40 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.**

- Executive Director/Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract

- 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, Pending Litigation.**

- 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.**

- 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.**

**9. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 10:13 PM**

- 9.01 Consideration of Board to approve Executive Director/Superintendent's Contract**  
The Board appointed Rob Henderson and Raquel Leuze to serve as a subcommittee to meet with Gary Bowman to review the evaluation. No action was taken in regards to the contract. Item will be on the October agenda for action.

**10. MEETING ADJOURNMENT 10:14 PM**

Next Governing Board Meeting: October 11, 2010 at Orangevale.

Rob Henderson moved to adjourn the meeting. Temperance Harkins seconded the motion.