

# CMP CAC and Committee Organization

## **Campus Advisory Council (CAC)**

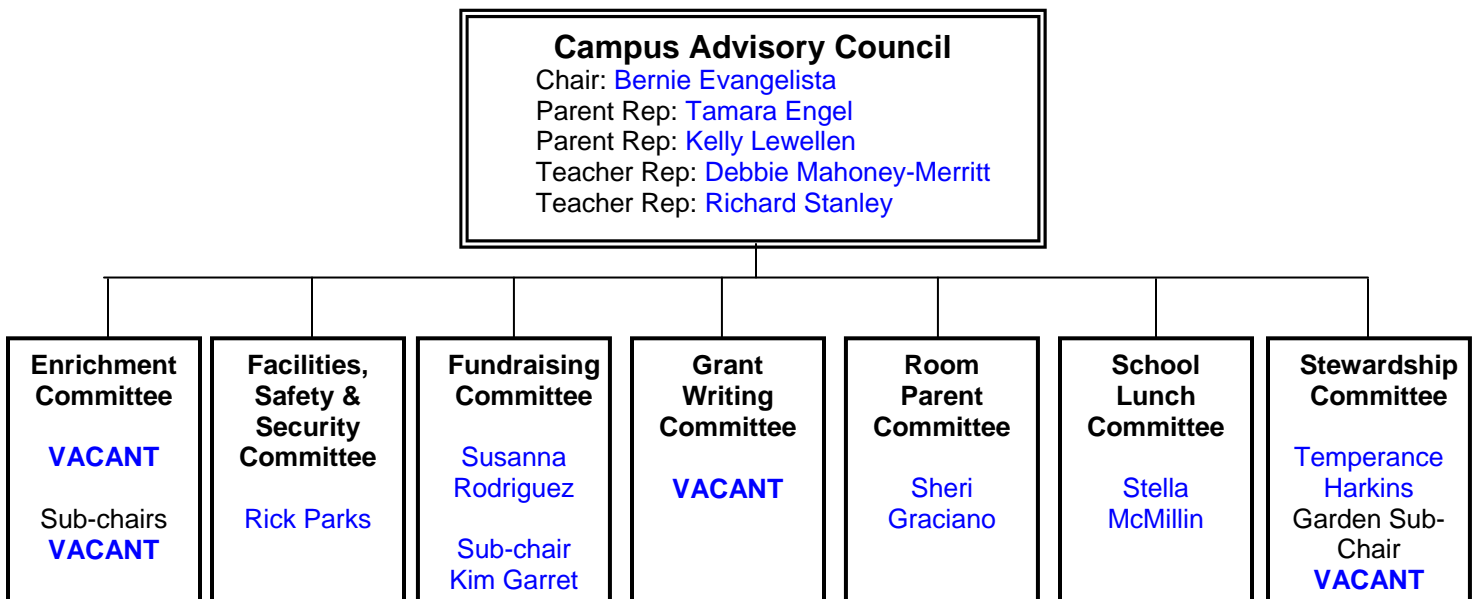
The Campus Advisory Council (CAC) functions as an advisory committee to the principal. The primary function of the CAC is to provide support for the successful operation of the school campus and furthering the overall mission of the California Montessori Project (CMP). This support comes through the following channels: providing support to the principal; serving as a positive communication channel between the campus, parents, teacher and the community; guiding the fundraising activities at the campus; allocating donated resources in support of the campus' educational program; supporting parent educational programs; and coordinating the Parent Participation Program.

The CAC is made up of five members (the school principal as Chair, two teacher representatives and two parent representatives), who meet once per month in an open forum for observation and participation by the school community.

### **The current schedule of regular CAC meetings is:**

**Day:** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month (unless otherwise stated)  
**Time:** 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm  
**Where:** CMP Capitol Campus, Room 14

Suggested topics may be submitted via email by anyone in the school community to any CAC Member by the previous Friday to be considered for the agenda. Committee Chairs also attend this meeting to report status and coordinate with each other.



**If you are interested in finding a parent volunteer opportunity that is right for you, please contact CAC Members Tamara Engel or Kelly Lewellen.**

### **CAC Contact Info**

**Chair:** [Bernie Evangelista](#), (916) 325-0910, [bevangelista@cacmp.org](mailto:bevangelista@cacmp.org)

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## **Enrichment Committee**

This committee is focused on providing a variety of on-going enrichment programs to Capitol Campus students. These programs go beyond regular academic studies and help broaden students' exposure to and experience with the arts, music, literature, science, society and sports.

Chair:

**Vacant**

**Sub-Chairs**

**In addition to a chair, this committee is in need of leaders passionate in the different programs we want to provide. Art, science, literature, music, and sports are all important to student success. The teachers incorporate lessons into the classroom, but there is always room for more advanced programs.**

## **Facilities, Safety & Security Committee**

This committee is focused on ensuring a safe, secure, clean, functional and inspiring environment for Capitol Campus students and their families.

Chair: [Rick Parks](#)

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## **Fundraising Committee**

This committee is focused on raising money to support school needs identified by classrooms, other committees, and to some extent the school administration. In the past, the Fundraising Committee has raised funds for FOSS Science Kits, Spanish Language instructor, P.E. specialist, Artist Among Us instructor, playground equipment, and enrichment programs. Fundraising events also provide a great opportunity for family fun, campus community bonding, and local community outreach.

Chair: [Susana Rodriguez](#)

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### **Annual Art, Wine and Cheese Event**

The largest school fundraiser is the Annual Art, Wine and Cheese night. Planning for this event takes many people and is a great deal of fun! Some of the work needed for this event includes; soliciting donations, planning food, ticket sales and event day volunteer coordination. Planning starts at the beginning of the school year,

Sub-Chair: [Kim Garrett](#)

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## **Grant-Writing Committee**

**New this year**

There are many grants available to schools to help establish gardens, pay for art programs, purchase science equipment, etc. The goal of this committee is to research available grants and submit applications with the help of the school administration. This is a great opportunity for parents who

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have strong writing skills (especially grant-writing experience) and want to earn parent hours outside of school time.

**Chair: VACANT**

Contact [Bernie](#) or a CAC member for more information

### **Room Parent Committee**

The Room Parent Committee consists of the Chair and all Room Parents. Room Parents campus-wide meet periodically to coordinate efforts, share challenges, offer support, and develop standards and improvements. The Committee focuses on enhancing quality and consistency of Room Parent operations. It also works to coordinate schoolwide academic events such as the Continent Party and Science Fair.

Chair: [Sheri Graciano](#)

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### **School Lunch Committee**

This committee is focused on providing parents the opportunity to volunteer as part of the parent participation component of the school. The goal is to assist the kitchen staff in distributing lunch as well as to help the student volunteers gain skills in food service and customer service.

Chair: [Stella McMillin](#)

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### **Stewardship Committee**

Just as the Montessori teaching philosophy aims to develop the whole child with a focus well beyond academics, the Stewardship Committee aspires to foster a culture of exceptional citizenship among students and the school community at large. This is done through the promotion of stewardship values and demonstrating those concepts through action. The committee aims to set a good example to CMP students and our local community and to encourage their involvement in community service, conservation, recycling, gardening, and beautification efforts. The committee also develops curriculum and materials for peace education.

Chair: [Temperance Harkins](#)

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### **Garden Sub-Chair**

Our school has the district's approval to expand the garden area and include a learning garden and native plant garden on site. During the 2010/11 school year, we conducted a garden survey to discover what families want to see in the new garden. Teachers worked with the students to draw their "dream gardens". During the 2011/12 school year we want to break ground on our new gardens and we need a strong team of parent's to help with this effort.

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**Sub-Chair: VACANT**

Contact Temperance Harkins for more information