

# California Montessori Project ~ Carmichael

## Campus Advisory Council Minutes

### October 6, 2011

#### Meeting Schedule

**5:30 p.m.**

September 1, 2011  
October 6, 2011  
November 3, 2011  
December 1, 2011  
(No Jan. Meeting)  
February 2, 2012  
March 1, 2012  
(No April Meeting)  
May 3, 2012  
June 7, 2012

#### Attendance:

##### Council:

- Kim Aldridge- Administrator- present
- Elizabeth Parks- Secretary (non-voting)- present
- Kelly Vellanoweth- Teacher Rep- absent
- Noah Kocina-Teacher Rep- present
- Rachel Rivers- Parent Rep- present
- Greer Leake- Parent Rep- present

##### Committee Chairs:

- **Fundraising:** Whitney Hanson-present
- **Grant Committee:** Valarie Oldham, Deidra Williams, Leigh Bartoo-Leigh present
- **Room Parent Coordinator/s:** Greer Leake /Melissa Horne-present
- **Peer Mediation:** Darcy Flathmann & Maria Naumann - present
- **Events:**
  - **Walk-a-Thon:** Lynn Bivens- absent
  - **Harvest Festival:** Rachel Rivers- absent
  - **Spring Carnival:** Maggie Carmona- absent
  - **Book Fairs:** Peggy Fitz- absent
  - **After School Enrichment:** Peggy Fitz- absent

**Approve September Minutes:** Approved- Question re: mascot change noted on discussion topics- Kim explained a middle school student came to her and they talked about a possible change to a mascot that represented the new campus class theme. Dolphin was considered. Some parents expressed concern that the mustang spirit wear purchased last year would be “obsolete.” Several students and parents felt we should stay the mustangs. If it comes up again, students will have opportunity to vote.

#### Principal's Report:

Loop Update- Kim made a request to Parks Dept. for signage and speed tables on Gibbons to reduce traffic speed. Suggestions made for a cross-walk. Kim will pass on that request, as well. The county will start the speed tables soon. They are also in the process of getting the School Zone signs up. The county will come and take a look at our loop to see what would be best placement for signs.

Assemblies- Will start to use the gym for morning assemblies on Mondays when weather does not allow us to be on the field. Classes will be able to start using the gym for PE very soon.

Office Move & Parking Spaces- Kim will be requesting that some of the staff parking spaces in the Gibbons parking lot be changed to visitor spaces for parents to park in. Some questioned that Admin move their spots also. Kim will be asking for some additional areas to be marked as walkways and some arrows for the parking flow. The gate by previous office location to remain open for foot traffic. Security officer will monitor the 300 wing gate and close it at 8:40.

#### Finance Update: Elizabeth Parks-

##### • Report of Balances

- Walk a Thon earned approximately \$5,000.00. The money is still coming in and will be used for playground improvements. Considering blacktop resurfacing and restriping, or hold onto funds to add to play structure cost.
- Discussion of funds remaining from previous year – “clean up” these by using for other events or needs

##### • Allocation of Funds-

- \$200.00 from Friday Electives to Mediation was approved in June for t-shirts for the mediators.
- Extra milk money funds from last year were put into the Bank Float to bring up to \$200.00.
- Friday Elective funds from the school picture money will replenish the funds for this year's Electives.

- Red ribbon week supplies out of last year's Scholastic Book Fair Funds.
- Funds still held over from Hearts for Arts adult event two years ago. May consider this event again since CMP will only have network-wide Gala every 5 years. If don't do an adult event, Kim suggested a sock hop and spaghetti dinner for families & rent the Community Hall

## Discussion Items:

- **Garden Project: Leigh-** We have been approved to start the garden in May on the west side of the 500 classrooms. Leigh is working on grants for the project. One is for curriculum such as a junior master-gardener project for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> graders which would build leadership skills as well. Suggestions: have students put in a mosaic for piece of art work and build a shade structure. Any interested in helping with grant writing or information gathering see Leigh. She has discussed gardening with the most of the classes, and the students are very excited.
- **Nature Center: Leigh-** Leigh spoke to the group about the center and that they have had classes go over to plant, water and clean up. Other CMP campuses may take classes there as well for community service.

## Committees Reports:

- **Grant Committee-** Leigh Bartoo- Deidra and Leigh met with Kim to coordinate grants. Identified looking for grants to support the science center, playground, and visual & performing art.
- **Fundraising: Whitney Hanson-** Many opportunities presented to choose from.
  - Start wreath sales Nov 14th to 28th. Approved.
  - Another fundraiser called Believe with many different items for sale. Group voted not to add another fundraiser that requires selling to friends and family.
  - Melissa Horn suggested more community fundraisers to get the community to help and support school: eWaste day, car wash, shred day etc.
  - Krispy Cream doughnut day sales, Jamba Juice, Papa John's Pizza – were other options
  - Discussion on recent Cookie Dough fundraiser which allowed families to put earned funds into their field trip account. Question was asked if the funds could be “banked” for when child is in upper grades. Discussion of pros & cons. Kim felt this was a good plan since Bingo is no longer an option (CMP night closed down- losing money with this economy).
  - Noah communicated the importance of getting the students involved in wanting to “sell” items (e.g.- 50% towards playground and some of the money go towards a fun day for the students.) Put up a “thermometer” to track our progress towards the play ground improvements. Question asked – What is our goal?
  - Lisa asked for help with the delivery of the cookie dough on the 26th of October. Room parents help find volunteers to help with the delivery. Melissa Horne will continue to work on a spreadsheet for room parents and phone numbers
- **Harvest Festival: Rachel Rivers-** Each class has started work on their craft/activity. Elizabeth asked where the money is going to come from for the crafts: charge of \$5 per person. Parents will be donating the materials for the craft. Parents are asked to donate small items.
- **Walk-a-Thon: Lynn Bivens-** no report at this time
- **Spring Carnival: Maggie Carmona-** no report at this time
- **After School Enrichment: Peggy Fitz-** no report at this time
- **Room Parent Coordinators-** Greer & Melissa both feel their schedules do not allow them to take on this role any longer. Request made for another coordinator. Greer & Melissa said they would still help out. Maria Naumann can go over binder with a new coordinator. Kim will ask for room parent names from teachers to request they attend the CAC meetings regularly.
- **Athletics: Kim-** Will use the Capitol campus gym at no charge for volleyball and basketball. Some Monday scrimmages will use our gym (gym only available on Monday evenings). Will need refs for basketball. Christina Riedel will be our CMP coordinator for our sports program. Christina feels very strongly about having the opportunity for students to have sports and learn sportsmanship, etc. We will no longer have the “Afterschool Enrichment” fund for athletics. Charging a “fee” changes our status with our liability. It was suggested that the afterschool enrichment teachers give a donation.
- **Peer Mediation: Darcy Flathmann-** mediators are excited to begin the presentations to students in their classrooms. Darcy putting in a grant for “Random Acts of Kindness.”