

CALIFORNIA MONTESSORI PROJECT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
June 22, 2009 MINUTES

DATE: Monday, June 22, 2009
TIME: 6:30 pm
MEETING PLACE: Central Admin Office, 4718 Engle Road, Suite K, Carmichael, CA 95608
EMERGENCY CONTACT: Gary Bowman at (916) 204-0271

1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL 6:40 PM

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| 1.01 Roll Call | <input type="checkbox"/> Erin Auernig | Montessori Representative (Vice Chairperson) |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Cerussi | Parent Representative – Elk Grove |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Allison Claire | Parent Representative – Carmichael |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jayna Gaskell | Charter School Representative |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patty Hagemeyer | District Representative – Sacramento City |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robbie Montalbano | District Representative – Buckeye |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Christy Moustris | District Representative (non-voting) – Elk Grove |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Maria Ostendorf | Teacher Representative – Capitol |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Rutz | Teacher Representative – Shingle Springs |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenny Savakus | Community Representative (Treasurer) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Paula Tarpenning | District Representative (non-voting) – San Juan |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Deb Williams | Teacher Representative – American River |
| | Vacant | Business Representative |

2. COMMUNICATION FROM PUBLIC/RECOGNITION 6:41 PM

- 2.01 Recognize meeting hosts**
The Board thanked Central Admin for hosting the meeting.
- 2.02 Public Comment**
None.
- 2.03 Public Acknowledgment**
Gary acknowledged Michelle Rutz for her service to the CMP community as a member of the Governing Board.

3. CONSENT AGENDA 6:45 PM

- 3.01 Minutes from regular Governing Board meeting of May11, 2009.**
- 3.02 Extended-Day Kindergarten Program**
- 3.03 2009 – 2010 San Juan MOU.**
- 3.04 2009-2010 Special Education and Related Services MOU between CMP-Capitol and Yuba County SELPA.**
- 3.05 2009-2010 Special Education and Related Services MOU between CMP-Elk Grove and Yuba County SELPA.**
- 3.06 2009-2010 Special Education and Related Services MOU between CMP-San Juan and Yuba County SELPA.**
- 3.07 2009-2010 Special Education and Related Services MOU between CMP-Shingle Springs and Yuba County SELPA.**
- 3.08 Updated 2009-2010 Instructional Minutes and Bell Schedule for the CMP-Elk Grove and Capitol Campuses.**
- 3.09 2009-2010 CASEMIS MOU with Wheatland School District.**

The Board pulled items 3.04, 3.05, 3.06 and 3.07 from the Consent Agenda as there were inconsistencies in the names of the campuses. The Yuba County SELPA approved the corrected MOUs at their meeting, conducted earlier in the day.

Patty Hagemeyer moved to approve items 3.01-3.03, 3.08 and 3.09 on the Consent Agenda. Michelle Rutz seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 6 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.

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Patty Hagemeyer moved to approve item 3.04 – 3.07 with the changes that were previously commented on. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 6 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.

4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6:50 PM

4.01 General Report from the CMP Superintendent/Executive Director Gary Bowman

Gary introduced Montessori and Organizational Leadership Consultant, Jonathan Wolff. Jonathan has facilitated numerous work sessions related to ‘Culture and Climate in a Montessori Environment.

Gary welcomed newly elected Board Members Natasha Vidic and Raquel Leuze.

- **Presentation of Facilities Use Agreement with Sac City Unified**
The Facilities Use Agreement has been ratified by Sac City Unified School District. Sac City USD and CMP are still negotiating the details of bringing in a modular bathroom, installing perimeter fencing and providing carpeting for the tiled classrooms. A family parade from Pioneer Church to Marshall School is scheduled for Saturday, July 25th. The Marshall Neighborhood Association will greet the families when they arrive and local dignitaries will speak.
- **Campus Visits/Budget Strategies**
Tami Johnson will present the budget this evening. In response to recent budget cuts, Gary has ‘frozen’ step increases for all staff. Column increases for educational units will be honored for teachers for the 2009-2010 school year.
- **CSDC Governance Academy**
Gary, Tom Cerussi and Stephanie Garrettson will be attending the year-long, which is collaboratively sponsored by CSDC and Eagle Peak Montessori Charter School through the PCSGP Dissemination Grant.
- **California Charter Schools Update: River Montessori, MCSLA and Sierra Montessori**
Gary often receives phone calls from prospective or struggling charter schools. Often these schools have difficulty changing their mindset from a private to a public mentality or disharmony among the Board. A way to satisfy the CMP Mission Statement is to help other Montessori charter schools with their program.
 - River Montessori, Petaluma – The school was recently approved at the State level, after being denied at the District and County levels.
 - MCSLA –The school is in the process of submitting their petition to LAUSD. They would be the first Montessori charter school sponsored by LAUSD. They were recently approved as a 501C3, and hope to open their doors to students in fall, 2010.
 - Sierra Montessori Academy –SMA has requested assistance from CMP as they commit to strengthening their Montessori program and Governance. Gary has provided assistance to the school, as they have explored ways to sustain and strengthen their program. The school currently sits on 34 acres of hilly oak woodlands, located between Grass Valley and Auburn. In response to the Board discussion, Gary stated that the CMP is fully qualified to offer support to SMA, in those specific areas of need, and, further, that the SMA Board and community have expressed uniform desire for CMP’s support. The CMP Board expressed support for Gary moving forward with SMA, as part of a team approach. The Board has also requested that Gary provide an account of time and resources that are expended toward this effort.

4.02 Facilities Report Prop 55

Dione Bielby

At the August Board Meeting Dione will give an intensive overview of Prop 55 for the new Board Members. CMP is working on getting the MOUs signed with Elk Grove Unified and with Buckeye. We currently need these MOUs for the state to release funds. In the legislature there is the Romero Bill pending which, if passed, will make the MOUs null and void. This bill is being considered because as the Proposition reads now the district holds title to the facility and if the district denies the charter at

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reauthorization than the district gets the building. CMP is engaging in the CEQA process and an RFP has been done at Val Toppenberg's request.

5. ACTION ITEMS

7:50 PM

- 5.01 Board to Approve Executive Director to Enter into MOU with Buckeye Union School District regarding Prop 55**
This document is template language written by the state. Once Buckeye signs the document, Gary would then have approval to sign it. Tom Cerussi moved to approve the Executive Director to enter into MOU with Buckeye Union School District regarding Prop 55. Erin Auernig seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 6 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.
- 5.02 Board to Approve Request for Proposals for Firm to do CEQA for Elk Grove School Site for Prop 55**
The City of Elk Grove and Buckeye Union School District have given recommendations on firms to use for the CEQA. The Board would like Dione Bielby to advertise that CMP is looking for firms to do the CEQA. Robbie Montalbano made a motion to approve the request for proposal for firm to do CEQA for Elk Grove school site for Prop 55 provided that advertising will be done. Tom Cerussi seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 6 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.
- 5.03 Board to Approve Request for Proposals for Firm to do CEQA for Shingle Springs School Site for Prop 55**
Robbie Montalbano made a motion to approve the request for proposal for firm to do CEQA for Shingle Springs school site for Prop 55 provided that advertising will be done. Erin Auernig seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 6 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.
- 5.04 Board to Approve the 2009-10 Budget and the Revisions to the 2008-09 Estimated Actuals for CMP – Capitol Campus**
Erin Auernig moved to approve the 2009-10 Budget and the Revisions to the 2008-09 Estimated Actuals for CMP – Capitol Campus. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 5 ayes, 0 noes, Michelle Rutz abstained, motion passed.
- 5.05 Board to Approve the 2009-10 Budget and the Revisions to the 2008-09 Estimated Actuals for CMP – Elk Grove Campus**
Erin Auernig moved to approve the 2009-10 Budget and the Revisions to the 2008-09 Estimated Actuals for CMP – Elk Grove Campus. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 5 ayes, 0 noes, Michelle Rutz abstained, motion passed.
- 5.06 Board to Approve the 2009-10 Budget and the Revisions to the 2007-08 Estimated Actuals for CMP – San Juan AR/CAR Campuses**
Erin Auernig moved to approve the 2009-10 Budget and the Revisions to the 2008-09 Estimated Actuals for CMP – San Juan AR/CAR Campuses. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 5 ayes, 0 noes, Michelle Rutz abstained, motion passed.
- 5.07 Board to Approve the 2009-10 Budget and the Revisions to the 2008-09 Estimated Actuals for CMP – Shingle Springs Campus**
Erin Auernig moved to approve the 2009-10 Budget and the Revisions to the 2008-09 Estimated Actuals for CMP – Shingle Springs Campus. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 5 ayes, 0 noes, Michelle Rutz abstained, motion passed.

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5.08 Board to Approve Business Representative for the CMP Governing Board

The subcommittee made a recommendation for the Board to approve their recommendation of Rob Henderson to fill the vacated Business Representative slot. Rob is a store manager at REI and has two children at the CMP-American River Campus. Rob's wife is a CMP employee at the American River campus. If there are votes that would show a conflict of interest, he would abstain. Tom Cerussi moved to approve Rob Henderson as the Business Representative for the CMP Governing Board. Michelle Rutz seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 6 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.

5.09 Board to Approve Anti-Nepotism Policy

No action taken. Item will be placed on the August agenda as an action item.

6. DISCUSSION AGENDA 9:55 PM

6.01 Public Records Act – Conflict of Interest

Item tabled until the August meeting.

6.02 Strategic Plan Retreat

The Retreat date has been rescheduled for Friday, September 18th from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm at a community room at REI.

7. CORRESPONDENCE 10:31 PM

7.01 Correspondence from the Public

None.

8. CLOSED SESSION 10:31 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.

None.

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.

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.

9. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION 10:32 PM

N/A

10. MEETING ADJOURNMENT 10:32 PM

Robbie Montalbano moved to adjourn the meeting. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 6 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.

Next Governing Board Meeting: August 10, 2009 at American River, 6:30 pm