

**CALIFORNIA MONTESSORI PROJECT**  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD  
FEBRUARY 7, 2011 MINUTES

**DATE:** Monday, February 7, 2011  
**TIME:** 6:30 pm  
**MEETING PLACE:** Capitol Campus, 2635 Chestnut Hill Dr., Sacramento, CA 95826  
**EMERGENCY CONTACT:** Gary Bowman at (916) 204-0271

Dr. Betsy Coe from the Houston Montessori Center presented "Montessori Methodology for Middle School".

**1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL 6:30 PM**

<b>1.01 Roll Call</b>	<input 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 checked="" 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
	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	Jonathan Wolff	Montessori Representative

Teleconference Location: 15825 St Albans Place, Truckee, CA 96161

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

- 2.01 Recognize meeting hosts**  
Thank you to the Capitol Campus for hosting the meeting.
- 2.02 Public Comment**  
None.
- 2.03 Public Acknowledgment**  
Bernie Evangelista acknowledged Teaching Assistant, Jill Kakilala for always going over and above and being so dedicated to CMP. Bernie also acknowledged parent, John Masia for always helping in any way that he can and for being a dedicated supporter.

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

- 3.01 Minutes from the Regular Governing Board Meeting of December 13, 2010**
- 3.02 Policy on Appointing Governing Board Members**
- 3.03 Form 990 Draft**
- 3.04 2011-2012 Governing Board Meeting Schedule**

Raquel Leuze moved to approve the items on the Consent Agenda. Deb Williams seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 7 ayes, 0 noes, motion passed.

**4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS 6:45 PM**

- 4.01 Campus Advisory Council Report**  
Richard Stanley, the Teacher Representative, presented the CAC Report. The main task for CAC is determining how to spend funds that are fundraised at the campus level. The CAC is focusing on the lunch room. The CAC just signed up with donorschoose.org which will hopefully bring monies to different projects for the teachers that sign up. Only a few parents come to the meetings, so the CAC is looking into changing the meeting times and advertising more to get more attendance.

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- 4.02 Campus Reports – Capitol** **Bernie Evangelista**  
Bernie shared a PowerPoint presentation providing highlights and updates from her campus.
- 4.03 WASC/AMS Presentation** **Julie Miller/Deb Williams**  
The campuses dedicated the recent in-service day to the WASC/AMS self-studies. CMP is seeking dual accreditation with WASC and AMS.
- 4.04 Report of Administrative Interviewing Committee** **Deb Williams**  
Deb reported that participating on the interview committee was a great experience. Excellent candidates were interviewed for the positions of Director of Program and for Principal. Offers were made to, and accepted by Mickey Slamkowski (Director of Program) and Kathleen Merz (Principal – Elk Grove). Both positions are effective July, 2011.
- 4.05 Principal’s Retreat Report** **Kim Aldridge**  
Kim reported that these annual retreats are designed for the administrative team to engage in high-level planning, including staffing and configuration projections for the coming school year. This year, the group also discussed a ‘Vision Component,’ incorporating both organizational and individual goals.
- 4.06 General Report from the CMP Superintendent/Executive Director** **Gary Bowman**  
Gary commended the Education Specialists for their efforts on the WASC and AMS accreditations. Gary also acknowledged Dr. Chiem-Seng Yaangh, Jonathan Raymond and Patty Hagemeyer for their continued support during the successful SCUSD charter renewal process. Gary reported that CMP had agreed on next year’s Prop 39 proposals with EGUSD and SJUSD. He is optimistic that SJUSD will offer CMP-OR additional classrooms for the 2011-12 school year. CSFA is reviewing the financial data for CMP, as a prerequisite for CMP-SS receiving the Prop 55 facilities award. Gary reported that CMP-EG has received notice that it is also eligible to receive Prop 55 funds (for acquisition/construction). Gary reported that he is considering moving the current Carmichael campus to La Sierra Community Center, through the Carmichael Department of Parks and Recreation. In addition to having many desirable amenities at the site, the larger school complex at La Sierra would allow CMP to grow into two separate schools (K-3 and 4-8) on one campus, serving approximately 500 students. Gary reported that Staff evaluations, goals and strategies have been discussed with the Principals and Central Administration as part of the annual evaluation process.

**5. ACTION ITEMS** **7:15 PM**

- 5.01 Consideration of the CMP-Elk Grove Charter Renewal Document**  
Patty Hagemeyer moved to approve the CMP-Elk Grove Charter Renewal document. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 6 ayes, 1 no, motion passes.
- 5.02 Consideration of Revision to the CMP-Shingle Springs Charter Document**  
Gary reported that, upon approval by the CMP Board, this revision will be presented to the Buckeye Union School District for Board approval.  
Raquel Leuze moved to approve the revision to the CMP-Shingle Springs Charter document.  
Voice vote taken: 6 ayes, 1 no, motion passes.
- 5.03 Consideration of the updated amendment to the Attendance Policy**  
Stephanie Garrettson presented the changes to the SART policy.  
Deb Williams moved to approve the amendment to the Attendance Policy.  
Patty Hagemeyer seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 7 ayes, 0 nos, motion passed.
- 5.04 Acceptance of the 2009-2010 Audits and Approval of the Findings Recommendations**  
Gary Bowman shared that there were no findings in this year’s audit reports. He acknowledged CMP’s Central Office Administrative Team, site-based Administrative Assistants and the Principals for promoting excellence in operations and data collection. Raquel Leuze moved to approve the 2009-2010 Audits and

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the findings recommendation. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 7 ayes, 0 nos, motion passed.

**5.05 Appointment of a CMP Board Vice President**

Raquel Leuze was the sole nomination. Roll call vote taken.

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

Motion carries.

**6. DISCUSSION AGENDA 8:00 PM**

**6.01 Strategic Plan – Update**

Gary reported that, in response to the discussion at the Board Retreat, some strategies had been consolidated. Also, the School Culture focus of ‘marketing’ is now listed as a strategy, rather than a goal.

**6.02 Transitional Leadership: Future Considerations**

Gary reported that the next phase in the process of Transitional Leadership is to evaluate the effectiveness of the Director of Program position (effective July 1, 2011).

**6.03 Board Self-Evaluation – Suggested Templates and CSBA Training**

Stephanie Garrettson presented several templates for board self-evaluation. The Board requested to use the SCUSD evaluation form and add in some charter specific areas from the CSDC template.

**6.04 Governing Board Elections**

Stephanie Garrettson shared that elections will be held this spring for the Shingle Springs and Capitol Parent Representatives. Informational material will go out to families immediately.

**6.05 Resolution regarding the CMP Network going “Green”**

Capitol Campus is drafting a resolution to go ‘green,’ which will be shared with the Board at a later date. It was suggested that Principals will include campus ‘green’ efforts in their Principal Reports.

**6.06 Suggested Items for Discussion at Future Meetings presented by Board Members None.**

**7. CORRESPONDENCE 8:20 PM**

**7.01 Correspondence from the Public**

Gary reported that Mickey Slamkowski has been named as a Commissioner to the American Montessori Society.

**8. CLOSED SESSION 8:25 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 2010-2011 Contract  
Title: Executive Director  
The Executive Director and the Board President will meet.
- Public Employee Performance 2010-2011 Evaluation  
Title: Executive Director  
Nothing to report.

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**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 8:40 PM**

**10. MEETING ADJOURNMENT 8:41 PM**

**Next Governing Board Meeting:** March 14, 2011 at Carmichael Campus

Natasha Vidic moved to adjourn the meeting. Temperance Harkins seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 7 ayes, 0 nos, motion passed. At 8:41 pm.