

**CALIFORNIA MONTESSORI PROJECT**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**  
October 11, 2010 MINUTES

**DATE:** Monday, October 11, 2010  
**TIME:** 6:30 pm  
**MEETING PLACE:** Orangevale Campus, 6545 Beech Avenue, Orangevale, CA 95662  
**EMERGENCY CONTACT:** Gary Bowman at (916) 204-0271

**1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL 6:45 PM**

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

**2. COMMUNICATION FROM PUBLIC/RECOGNITION 6:45 PM**

The Board welcomed Jonathan Wolff to his first official CMP Board meeting.

**2.01 Recognize meeting hosts**

The Board thanked Dorothy Hilts for hosting the meeting at the new Orangevale Campus.

**2.02 Public Comment**

Michael Coleman, a parent at Orangevale, inquired about starting a Montessori High School and about parent training. Rob Henderson directed him to dialogue with Dorothy Hilts and/or Gary Bowman.

**2.03 Public Acknowledgment**

Dorothy Hilts acknowledged Kim Goldsworthy, head of the SJUSD preschool program at Coleman for providing a warm welcome and for acting as Safety Coordinator for the entire campus; Ann Walsh, Administrative Assistant, for her service to the children; Mendy Johnston for setting up the SJUSD Art Docent program with the help of an American River parent; and Stephanie Garrettson for her assistance in setting up the Orangevale Campus.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA 6:55 PM**

**3.01 Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of September 13, 2010**

Temperance Harkins moved to approve the Minutes from the Regular Governing Board Meeting of September 13, 2010. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion. Voice vote 8 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.

**4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS 6:56 PM**

**4.01 Campus Reports – Orangevale**

**Dorothy Hilts**

During the Capitol Campus closure (due to black widow infestation), CMP-Capitol reported to the Orangevale Campus to assemble classroom materials and do classroom observations. The OV Campus hosted their first garage sale and made over \$600. The 4/5<sup>th</sup> grade class did a poetry reading at Barnes and Noble and participated in a 3-day camping trip to the Headlands. There are currently 2 open enrollment spots which will be filled.

It was noted that in some of the Principal Reports, the Teacher certifications are not accurate. Stephanie Garrettson will verify the certifications with the Human Resources Department and report to the Principals for their reports.

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- 4.02 Safety Report** **Dorothy Hilts**  
Kim Goldsworthy with SJUSD is the site Safety Coordinator. She holds monthly meetings and has developed a site safety plan using two-way radios. The radios are also used during drop-off and pick-up.
- 4.03 CSDC Fall Leadership Update** **Rob Henderson**  
Rob attended the CSDC Conference in Santa Rosa, and attended the Governance 101 session. The workshop focused on effective board meetings, agendas, do's and don't's of board meetings. Rob stated that the workshop really reinforced that CMP is doing a good job!
- 4.04 General Report from the CMP Superintendent/Executive Director** **Gary Bowman**
- Charter Renewal – SCUSD
    - Stephanie Garrettson and Gary will be meeting with Dr. Yaangh to discuss the SCUSD Charter Renewal process. Dr. Yaangh is the new Charter Liaison within SCUSD. We met him at the CSDC Fall Leadership Update and are looking forward to working with him.
  - Budget Updates
    - The California State Budget has finally passed. We do not anticipate additional cuts to charter schools. Tami Johnson will be attending the SSC workshop for further updates.
  - Prop 39
    - CMP is submitting proposals to EGUSD, SCUSD and SJUSD.
  - Carmichael Campus
    - The CMP-Carmichael facilities team (Gary, Kim A and Stephanie) is currently exploring options at La Sierra Community Center, commercial facilities on Marconi and District facilities through SJUSD, as well as extending the current lease with Bryco.
  - Capitol Campus
    - The campus was closed for 2 days last week due to an infestation of black widow spiders. SCUSD staff used those days to exterminate and clean. Students were back at school today (October 11).

Gary has been filling in as Interim Principal at the American River Campus. This dual role is of an indeterminate period, and may last through December. Gary acknowledged the staffs at AR Campus and CAT, for their extraordinary efforts during this time. The AR staff have commented on how nice it is having Gary's presence on campus.

**5. ACTION ITEMS** **7:10 PM**

- 5.01 Consideration of the Updated Suspension/Expulsion Policy**  
Page 1, paragraph 1 of the policy refers to protecting the safety and well-being of all students, and should also include the safety and well-being of staff. Dave Nelson moved to approve the Suspension/Expulsion Policy with the noted amendment. Raquel Leuze seconded the motion.  
Voice vote taken: 8 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.

- 5.02 Consideration of the Updated Bylaws**  
Natasha Vidic arrived at 7:23 pm.

The Board was presented with two different options related to Board Member composition. Natasha Vidic moved to approve the Updated Bylaws to include Option 2 (which includes up to 4 Parent Representative positions for each charter). Temperance Harkins seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken:

Patty Hagemeyer – aye	Jenny Savakus – nay
Temperance Harkins – aye	Natasha Vidic - aye
Rob Henderson – aye	Deb Williams - aye
Raquel Leuze – aye	Jonathan Wolff - aye
Dave Nelson – nay	
Motion carries.	

\*Note: The Board's intent is that the current Parent Representative for the San Juan sites will remain the same until a seat is vacated. At that point, there will be only one member per Charter.

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- 5.03 Consideration of the Updated Special Education Policy**  
Dave Nelson moved to approve Special Education Policy as presented. Raquel Leuze seconded the Special Education Policy.  
Voice vote taken: 8 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved. Deb Williams was not present during the vote.
- 5.04 Consideration of the Updated Section 504 Policy**  
Page 5 of the policy references the Shingle Springs Campus. This needs to be updated. Temperance Harkins moved to approve the Section 504 Policy with the noted amendment. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 9 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.
- 5.05 Consideration of the CMP-San Juan Charter Renewal Document**  
Temperance Harkins moved to approve the CMP-San Juan Charter Renewal Document eliminating the preference for Montessori experience in section 6 on page 82 and modifying the wording regarding publications in local magazines on page 82. Motion died due to lack of a second. Patty Hagemeyer moved to approve the CMP-San Juan Charter Renewal Document with the modifications to the wording regarding publications in local magazines on page 82 and empowering the Executive Director to make minor revisions to the Charter Renewal Document during negotiations with SJUSD. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 7 ayes, 2 nays, motion passed.
- 5.06 Consideration of the Filling the Elk Grove Parent Representative Board Vacancy**  
Natasha Vidic moved to fill the Elk Grove Parent Representative Board vacancy by appointing a subcommittee to interview candidate(s). Deb Williams seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 8 ayes, 1 no, motion passed.  
  
Raquel Leuze and Mickey Slamkowski will serve on the subcommittee and interview the candidate(s).
- 5.07 Approval of Certificated and Classified Site-Based Personnel Retention Incentives through Federal Jobs Education Bill**  
Deb Williams and Rob Henderson excused themselves from the room during the discussion and the vote. Dave Nelson moved to approve the Certificated and Classified site-based personnel retention incentives through Federal Jobs Education Bill as presented. Natasha seconded the vote. Voice vote taken: 7 ayes, 0 noes, 2 abstain, motion approved.
- 5.08 Approval of Retention Incentives through Block Grant Funds for All Non-Site Based CMP Employees**  
Natasha Vidic moved to approve the retention incentives through Block Grant funds for all non-site-based CMP employees as presented, with an amendment changing the Principal (1-5 years) to \$1000. Dave Nelson seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 9 ayes, 0 noes, motion approved.
- 5.09 Approval of Hourly Staff to have Consistent Rate of Pay when Substituting in Multiple Positions**  
Natasha Vidic moved to approve the hourly staff to have consistent rate of pay when substituting in multiple positions. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 8 ayes, 0 noes, Deb Williams abstained, motion approved.
- 5.10 Approval of California Montessori Project to Hold Title for CMP-Shingle Springs Property through Prop 55**  
Natasha Vidic moved to approve California Montessori Project to hold title for CMP-Shingle Springs property through Prop 55. Raquel Leuze seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 9 ayes, 0 noes, motion passed.
- 5.11 Appoint Members to the Audit Committee**  
Raquel Leuze moved to reappoint Dave Nelson, Natasha Vidic and Rob Henderson to sit on the Audit Committee. Jonathan Wolff seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 9 ayes, 0 noes, motion passed.

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**6. DISCUSSION AGENDA 9:43 PM**

- 6.01 Policy on Appointing Board Members**  
In drafted policy, it states that it would pertain to specific positions. This specificity should be removed and brought back to the Board at the November Regular meeting.
- 6.02 Conflict of Interest/Form 700**  
Stephanie Garrettson will email FPPC link to Board Members.
- 6.03 Governing Board Election Process**  
It was recommended that policy be changed to reflect that votes would be tallied by May 15. The Board seeks assurance that the process is in alignment with the updated Bylaws. This can be brought back to the Board at the November Regular meeting as an Action Item.
- 6.04 Suggested Items for Discussion at Future Meetings presented by Board Members** None.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE 9:51 PM**

- 7.01 Correspondence from the Public** None.

**8. CLOSED SESSION 9:52 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:**
- 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 10:07 PM**

- 9.01 Consideration of Board to approve Executive Director/Superintendent's Contract**  
Tabled.

**10. MEETING ADJOURNMENT 10:07 PM**

**Next Governing Board Meeting - Retreat:** November 6, 2010 at REI Cal Expo

Dave Nelson moved to adjourn the meeting. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion.