

**CALIFORNIA MONTESSORI PROJECT**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**  
May 12, 2008 MINUTES

**DATE/TIME:** Monday, May 12, 2008/6:30 pm  
**MEETING PLACE:** Shingle Springs Campus  
4645 Buckeye Rd, Shingle Springs, CA 95682  
**EMERGENCY CONTACT:** Gary Bowman at (916) 204-0271

**1. MEETING CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL – 6:35 PM**

<b>1.01 Roll Call</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erin Auernig <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vicky Brady <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allison Claire <input type="checkbox"/> Jayna Gaskell <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patty Hagemeyer <input type="checkbox"/> Julie Miller <input type="checkbox"/> Christy Moustris <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maria Ostendorf <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenny Savakus <input type="checkbox"/> Paula Tarpinning <input type="checkbox"/> Teresa Wenig <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Yeager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Val Toppenberg	Montessori Representative (Vice Chairperson) Parent Representative – Elk Grove Parent Representative – Carmichael Charter School Representative District Representative – Sacramento City Teacher Representative – American River District Representative – Elk Grove Teacher Representative – Capitol Community Representative (Treasurer) District Representative (non-voting) – San Juan District Representative – Buckeye Teacher Representative – Shingle Springs Business Representative (Chairperson)
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**2. COMMUNICATION FROM PUBLIC/RECOGNITION – 6:36 PM**

Daniel Gorans, seventh grade student at Shingle Springs, led the Board through the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2.01 Recognize meeting hosts**

The Board thanked Kim Yeager, Dorothy Hilts, Jenny Savakus, Nora Pease, and the Girl Scouts troupe for contributing food for the evening.

**2.02 Public Comment** None.

**2.03 Public Acknowledgment**

Kim Zawilski honored Eagle Scout Daniel Gorans for his coordination of the picket fence and tree-planting projects. Kim also recognized parent Bob Thomas for his many contributions, including oversight of the student-run 'Sequoia Café,' as well as his leadership of the student participation in the Science Olympiad. Kim noted that this year's Shingle Springs teams took first place in the "Robocross" competition and won second place in "Mystery Architecture." Bob is looking forward to creating a CMP network-wide Science Olympiad team. Kim also recognized Des Thomas for all of her work with the Nature Bowl team. Last year the team made it to the finals and they are going to the Nature Bowl on May 17<sup>th</sup> this year. Gary Bowman shared that he has committed \$1000 of the budget for the 2008-2009 school year to provide support for the Nature Bowl and the Science Olympiad teams.

**3. CONSENT AGENDA – 6:51 PM**

- 3.01 Minutes from Regular Governing Board Meeting of April 14, 2008.
- 3.02 Minutes from Governing Board Special Meeting of April 23, 2008.
- 3.03 State Approved Textbook Adoption of Middle School Mathematics.
- 3.04 CMP Technology Plan 2008 – 2011.
- 3.05 Revised 2008 – 2009 CMP - Instructional Minutes.
- 3.06 Revised 2007 – 2008 CMP – American River Campus Instructional Minutes.

Allison Claire moved to approve items 3.01 – 3.06 on the Consent Agenda. Vicky Brady seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 8 Ayes, 0 Noes, motion passed.

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**4. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS – 6:52 PM**

**4.01 Campus Report**  
**Shingle Springs**

**Kim Zawilski**

Kim shared that the updated Technology Plan was recently approved by the State, and shared that the Elk Grove campus has a new laptop cart. The Shingle Springs Campus has established the CMIT (California Montessori Informational Technology) Group, consisting of students who help support technology at the campus level. Kim reported that 6 CMP staff that are going to Malawi, Africa this summer to start-up a Montessori school at the Acts3 Orphanage: Maribeth Leineke, Kim Yeager, Laura Witwer, Eileen Perkins, Caitlin Knowles and Rose Fabian. Other participants in the project are: students Josh Yeager (9), Josh Jolly (14), Brice Andersen (14) and non-CMP teachers Patty Underwood, Jean Holmquist, Sarah VanLanen and Lindsay Roland. Maribeth will remain in Malawi for a year to implement the program. Kim thanked the Central Admin team for all of their support during the year.

**4.02 General Report from the CMP Executive Director**

**Gary Bowman**

Gary acknowledged the commitment of the ‘Malawi team,’ and stated that he is inspired by their desire to bring Montessori education to the global community. Gary is continuing his negotiations with Sacramento City USD, regarding Capitol Campus’ possible re-location to the Old Marshall School. Jonathan Wolff, an internationally recognized Montessori consultant and presenter, is schedule to work with CMP parents and staff during the upcoming school year, including a staff presentation at the August 11<sup>th</sup> Staff Development day, followed by a special session on Montessori Leadership to be presented to the Governing Board on that same day. Gary invited AR middle school teachers Sara Bonard and RaDene Girola to share components of the recently-adopted CGP math curriculum.

**5. ACTION ITEMS – 7:21 PM**

**5.01 Board to Approve the 2008-2009 Business Services MOU with Wheatland School District**

Allison Claire moved to approve the 2008-2009 Business Services MOU with Wheatland School District. Maria Ostendorf seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 8 Ayes, 0 Noes, motion passed.

**5.02 Consideration of Revision to Bylaws, Article IV, Section 3**

The revision of the Bylaws, Article IV, Section 3 was presented to the Board. The Board requested to take out the word “otherwise” in the revised section. Kim Yeager moved to approve the revision to the Bylaws, Article IV, Section 3 as amended. Maria Ostendorf seconded the motion. Roll Call taken:

Erin Auernig – Aye  
Allison Claire – Aye  
Jenny Savakus – Aye  
Patty Hagemeyer – Aye  
Kim Yeager – Aye  
Val Toppenberg – Aye  
Vicky Brady – Aye  
Maria Ostendorf – Aye

Motion approved.

**6. DISCUSSION AGENDA - 7:45 PM**

**6.01 Policies and Procedures: Positive Discipline Approach.**

As directed by the Board, Kim Aldridge will make revisions, and present to Round Table prior to bringing it back to the Board as a Discussion Item.

**6.02 Selection of Board Summer Retreat Date.**

The Board selected the following dates as options: July 26, July 30, August 1 and August 2. Stephanie Garrettson will follow up with CMP Board Members and present a date at the June Board meeting.

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- 6.03 Strategic Planning Follow Up – Discuss the Various Committees Identified at the Board Retreat.**  
Gary and Stephanie shared ideas gleaned from an earlier conversation they had with Strategic Plan facilitator, Dave Ceppos. Dave had shared that at the last Strategic Planning Retreat, the group had broke into focus groups, to familiarize participants with the SWOT Analysis. In terms of 'next steps,' Dave suggested that the Board select a focus area and establish a committee based upon that focus. At the June Governing Board meeting, Allison Claire will present a methodology used to prioritize focus areas, with respect to the interdependency of those focus areas. Board Members should come prepared to discuss committee ideas.
- 6.04 Status of Current Board Members' Terms and Logistics Regarding any Necessary Elections.**  
Some Board Members recall past conversations that would have changed our Bylaws to reflect staggered terms of office for Board Members. At this point in time, the Bylaws do not reflect that and there is no evidence showing anything different. The Board Members discussed the statement "no more than a total of four teachers or parents serving, over all" on page 6. The wording "over all" is confusing in the context that it is used. At the next Governing Board Retreat, the Members need to discuss Governance membership.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE – 8:36 PM**

- 7.01 Correspondence from the Public**  
Gary Bowman has been in correspondence with parents and the Sutter Medical Center, regarding concerns of the construction project, adjacent to the Capitol Campus playground.

**8. CLOSED SESSION – 8:50 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 Evaluation
  - Executive Director Contract
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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, Pending Litigation. None.**

**9. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 9:30 PM**

- 9.01 Board to Approve the Executive Director's Contract for a One Year Extension**  
The Board directed the Human Resources Director to prepare a contract extending the Executive Director's contract through 2010-2011.

**10. MEETING ADJOURNMENT - 9:35 PM**

Allison Claire moved to adjourn the meeting. Maria Ostendorf seconded the motion.  
Voice vote taken: 8 Ayes, 0 Noes, motion passed.

**Next Governing Board Meeting:**  
June 16, 2008 at the Central Administrative Office