

Coastal Montessori Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, February 8th, 2016 ~ 6:00 PM

BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL

The following members of the Board were present:

Rob Horvath, Gene Mannella, Cathy Scott, and Rachel Tomovski

The following Board members were absent:

Kristin Bohan, Jason Hendrix, Stella Mercado, and Scott Steffen

OTHER ATTENDEES

Charles Swensen, Coastal Observer

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Mr. Rob Horvath, called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

Chair, Mr. Horvath read aloud the FOIA statement.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Board Secretary, Ms. Rachel Tomovski, read aloud the CMCS mission statement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND THE JANUARY MINUTES

Chair Horvath stated that due to the lack of a quorum, this month's meeting will be informational only and all approvals will be deferred to the next regular scheduled meeting.

DIRECTOR REPORT

In the absence of Dr. Nathalie Hunt, Chair Horvath reviewed with the Board, her report which had been previously circulated. Highlights include:

Current enrollment is at 192 students, with 229 students on the roster for next year. The waiting list is at 53, spread among all grades.

A Lower El Teaching Assistant was hired February 1st, so all positions are filled again for this year. However, Dr. Hunt did receive a resignation letter from a Lower El Lead Teacher. She will post this position for next year, as soon as possible.

She will begin interviewing middle school teacher candidates the last week of February, and hopefully be ready to register teachers for the Montessori middle school training in

April. At that time, she will receive the curriculum guides and be able to start aligning them with SC standards.

Dr. Hunt shared some pictures of furniture she is considering for the new building, as the bids have been coming in. Chair Horvath clarified the budget is \$75K.

With regards to Standardized Testing, for grades 3 – 8, SC Ready has replaced the ACT Aspire for math, ELA, and writing. These tests will all be conducted online and will not be timed. SC PASS for Social Studies and Science remains the same for grades 4 – 8.

Chair Horvath shared that Dr. Hunt wishes the Board to review and consider the East Cooper Montessori Charter School’s Handbook as a model for CMCS.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Gene Mannella reported that, construction aside, CMCS is actually \$2,000 ahead, looking at the year-to-date figures.

FACILITY UPDATE

Chair Horvath reported that the building project is currently on schedule. The siding is being put up now.

A Roof Topping Ceremony will be set for March.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to be transacted, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Tomovski
CMCS Board Secretary