

# Coastal Montessori Charter School

## Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, August 11th, 2014 ~ 6:00 PM

### **BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL**

The following members of the Board were present:

Mary Bryan, Jason Hendrix, Rob Horvath, Pamela Martin, Martha Propps, and Rachel Tomovski

The following members of the Board were absent:

Kristin Alford, Lynne Ford, Gene Mannella, Stella Mercado, and Scott Steffen

Other Attendees:

Nathalie Hunt, CMCS Director

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair, Rob Horvath, called the meeting to order at 6:12 PM.

### **COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)**

Mr. Horvath read aloud the FOIA statement.

### **READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT**

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

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Ms. Martha Propps made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Pamela Martin seconded the motion, and the Board VOTED approved the agenda.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE**

Dr. Martin made a motion to approve minutes from the May meeting. Ms. Propps seconded the motion and the Board VOTED to approve the minutes.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Hunt has hired a full-time special education resource teacher and a part-time music/drama teacher, and is still interviewing a part-time literacy coach.

She reported that CMCS has 180 students enrolled for 2014-15. There are 4 spots available in Upper Elementary and 29 students on the waitlist for Lower Elementary.

Dr. Hunt presented her changes to the Community Handbook. CMCS will seek attorney approval on the document. Dr. Martin suggested that CMCS also engage the services of a copy editor.

Dr. Hunt shared that the new website is almost ready to go live, and that she plans to reveal it to the families at the August 18<sup>th</sup> Open House. She has met with the District and

requested they expedite all technology related requests from CMCS, including phone and internet.

Dr. Hunt discussed the ESEA Waiver extension request. Its approval will determine the new academic progress standards. This year, PASS will not be administered for ELA and Math. She is awaiting the introduction of the new assessment tool to be used for these areas. PASS will continue in the Science and Social Studies curriculum until new standards are adopted. This year, grades 4 – 6 will do both tests, while 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will do neither.

Dr. Hunt addressed the CMCS mean student scores. Math and Science are targeted for improvement. Interventionists, including the special education resource teacher and the literacy coach, will work with students. She will be implementing a team teaching strategy in Upper Elementary this year, in which two teachers will take the lead in enhancing the Science curriculum and the other two teachers will do the same for the Social Studies curriculum. She also intends to use the National Council of Teachers in Mathematics as a resource, and to incorporate new workbooks aligned with the common core standards. Dr. Hunt has invited a CCU professor in to recruit CMCS teachers for her two year math curriculum and instruction research study. Teachers would receive a stipend for participating. Team meetings for each level of staff (Lower El and Upper El) will take place for one hour twice a week. Dr. Hunt will attend one per level each week. Dr. Hunt is producing tables that will compare actual student performance with projected performance growth in the Charter. The tables in the Charter are now outdated because of the changes in the law, and will need to be amended.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **USDA UPDATE**

Chair Horvath reported that the USDA loan application is complete and has been sent to Columbia and to Washington.

### **PROPERTY UPDATE**

Chair Horvath reported that the zoning for a school was approved. CMCS representatives attended the Planning Commission meeting to request a site plan change from the originally planned medical plaza to a 49,000 square foot space for the proposed school. They will appear before County Council for three readings, in order to answer any questions. The final reading is scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. The only question raised was that of traffic, a Department of Transportation issue. CMCS car trips are about a quarter of what the car trips for a medical plaza would be. CMCS is trying to set up a meeting with OSF and DOT.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no additional comments.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Horvath asked for a motion to move into Executive Session in order to discuss the property contract. Ms. Bryan so moved. Ms. Propps seconded the motion. The Board VOTED to enter into Executive Session at 7:25 PM.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business to be transacted, Ms. Bryan made the motion to adjourn. Dr. Martin seconded the motion. The Board VOTED and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rachel Tomovski  
CMCS Board Secretary