

Coastal Montessori Charter School
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 10, 2012 ~ 6:00 PM

BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL

The following members of the Board were present:

Kristin Alford, Chris Bird, Kristin Bohan, Bo Bryan, Lynne Ford, Jason Hendrix, Rob Horvath, Gene Mannella, Camilla Parker, Martha Propps and Rachel Tomovski

The following members of the Board were absent:

Ed Bell and Joe Isaac

OTHER ATTENDEES

Lonnie Yancsurak, CMCS Director
Pam Martin, CMCS Parent
Dr. Mike Cafaro, GTCSD
Steven Goggans, SGA
Charles Swenson, Coastal Observer

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Horvath called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Tomovski read aloud the CMCS mission statement.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Board:

VOTED:

To approve the agenda.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Board:

VOTED:

To approve the draft minutes of the last two Board meetings held on August 20 and 27, 2012, in the form previously circulated.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Lonnie Yancsurak reported that CMCS had a smooth opening with 144 students in attendance on the first day. Final enrollment is 148. There is currently no waiting list. The classes in Lower Elementary have 25 or 26 students. Upper Elementary have fewer. Kristin Bohan raised the point that we may be asked at any point about the racial makeup of our student body. Mr. Yancsurak assured her that Kristy would get this information for the

Board.

Kristin Alford asked if any students who attended CMCS at the start of school had since left. Mr. Yancsurak knew of only two.

The student computers are all up and running. The internet is working.

The grant money paid for outdoor equipment which will be here next month. Ms Bohan suggested that Amber Bacon, the teacher who helped design the playground, write a blurb for the parents about the significance of the outdoor classroom and the various pieces.

Mr. Yancsurak assured the Board that all the equipment can be moved when CMCS moves to a new location in the future. The September 27th Family Night will be a time when families can work on the outdoor environment. There are cement tiles for each family. CMCS is now receiving checks the first of each month.

Aftercare is going well. The charge is \$5 per day with an extra charge for special activities, some of which include: yoga, art, tae kwon do, and music.

Kristin Bohan reported that CMCS teachers have received MAP testing training. Mr. Yancsurak explained that it is a measure of student performance. Testing will begin in first grade and is a good way to see how CMCS is doing. Flex time is built into the schedule each day between 3:00 and 3:30 which can be used for interventions when necessary. The next family meeting will include a “Testing 101” session in the auditorium for parents who are interested in an overview.

In addition Montessori Records Express allows parents to access their student’s progress at any time. There will be a session in the near future to roll this out.

BUDGET

Following a meeting at the Kingstree branch of the USDA, Treasurer, Jason Hendrix, reported that Georgetown County is considered a rural community, and therefore CMCS, offering public services in said community, can apply now for the rural development and facilities program. A team, including representatives in many different areas (real estate, architectural design, finances, etc.) will be assembled for this project. Time line from application to designing and building the campus is under two years.

Facilities

Chair Rob Horvath recommended the Board engage the services of SGA, as they have worked closely with CMCS to this point and they have worked closely with OSF.

Kristin Bohan reported that CMCS is seeking a grant for library books from Waccamaw Community Foundation. The books will be shelf ready with barcodes. The book list is available by grade level and genre.

Board Elections

Ms Bohan recommended we increase the number of members the Board may have. The bylaws allow for up to fifteen. The goal is to have a very diverse group, including more non-parents. The board can appoint people to fill any openings that remain following the

election. It would not be required to have fifteen, however it would be possible if someone else highly qualified were to present themselves.

Action Items

The Board:

VOTED:

To apply for the USDA backed loan.

The Board:

VOTED:

To apply for the WCF grant.

The Board:

VOTED:

To increase the number of seats available on the CMCS Board of Directors to fifteen.

The Board:

VOTED:

To engage the services of SGA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The CMCS Board is registered for Dr. Brain Carpenter's Governance Training: Dec. 1st, 2012 and April 22nd, 2013 in Columbia. In addition, he will spend four hours with just the CMCS Board.

Kristin Bohan and Antoinette Ursits will both be presenting at the SCMA conference in Columbia Oct. 19th & 20th, 2012.

More volunteers needed to work in the office. Goal is to have the equivalent of another full time staff person.

Academic Teams is a reading program that qualified moms and/or grandmothers can help with. After testing this month, student needs can be better assessed.

Lynne Ford will be meeting with Lonnie and Kristin about creating a volunteer handbook and database.

Kristin Alford, as liaison for Parent Outreach and Education, will be writing a column in the newsletter identifying with parents new to Montessori.

PTA met today. Barb Royal is heading this up.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rachel Tomovski, CMCS Board Secretary

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