

Coastal Montessori Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Monday, August 12, 2013 ~ 6:00 PM

BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL

The following members of the Board were present:

Kristin Alford, Kristin Bohan, Lynne Ford, Jason Hendrix, Rob Horvath (via telephone,) Pamela Martin, Martha Propps, Scott Steffen, and Rachel Tomovski

The following members of the Board were absent:

Bo Bryan, Mary Bryan, Pamela Grant, Laura Lee, Gene Mannella, and Stella Mercado

Other Attendees:

Nathalie Hunt, CMCS Principal

Luiz Yamashita, MSPI Long Range Planning

CALL TO ORDER

In Chairman Horvath's absence, Dr. Kristin Bohan called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

COMPLIANCE WITH FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)

Dr. Bohan read aloud the FOIA statement.

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT

Ms. Tomovski read aloud the CMCS mission statement.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Board VOTED to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MAY'S MINUTES

The Board VOTED to approve the minutes from the June 2013 meeting.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Nathalie Hunt provided the Board with a chart showing strategies she intends to use in order to meet the three main Charter goals: 1) Reducing the achievement gap; 2) Reading proficiency by the end of 3rd grade; and 3) Cultivating the seven survival skills. Steps taken include: placing a framed copy of the Mission Statement in each classroom; creating a Peace Table in each classroom; staff are all reading Children Who are Not Yet Peaceful; new staff members include a male P.E. teacher and a T.A. from Howard

University with ties to the community; collaborating with Lynne Ford and Amy Miller and reaching out to Georgetown organizations; revised staff handbook to be more specific for CMCS; Family Nights expanded to include prospective families; set up Host Families to welcome and help orient the new families; PASS scores will inform instruction-- Dr. Hunt reported that CMCS received a grade of B. Individual scores will be mailed out to families on Sept. 25th, as is the procedure for all district schools. She did note a discrepancy between the MAP and PASS scores. Teachers continue to work towards further aligning the curriculum. The Board agreed that more Parent Education is needed regarding assessment tools and other ways we have of knowing our children are learning. Dr. Hunt will ask specific people to spearhead this effort; one aspect of teacher evaluation this year will be teacher portfolios and teachers will learn specifically what the goals of the Charter are and how they are expected to achieve them; two reading and writing workshops for staff and parent volunteers will be held prior to school starting; looking into liability insurance for small group outings for the purpose of research; Upper Elementary students will work with the PTA to sell school shirts on campus; students will be given the opportunity to plan and implement Family Night activities; corkboards will be placed outside each classroom for students to post updates, etc.; students will be responsible for reporting and tracking any service/repair/order requests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Bohan updated the Board on the USDA Loan application process. She reported that they had addressed the GCSD at their last board meeting and the attorney for the District had emailed her following the discussion to say that as far as he could tell, CMCS has the green light to build on the property.

Due to the Board Retreat instead of a formal meeting in July, and Chairman Horvath's absence at this evening's meeting, the Executive Officers will be elected at the September meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no additional comments.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Tomovski
CMCS Board Secretary