

Coastal Montessori Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, January 28th, 2019 6:00 PM

BOARD OF MEMBER ROLL CALL

The following members of the board were present:

Jessica Doll, Marshall Easterling, Ryan Fabbri, Patricia Gadek, Kelly Hayes, Lesley Byrne-
Steadly, Rob Phillips

Also in attendance:

Dr. Chip Hennecey, Interim CMCS Director
Jenny Holland and Andrew Cilone of KMC Consulting
CMCS parents & community members
Chris Sokoloski, Reporter, Coastal Observer

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair, Ryan Fabbri called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT:

Patricia Gadek read aloud the CMCS mission statement

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Amy Miller commented that she was thankful for the work of the board in the current transition and confident in Dr. Hennecey taking charge of CMCS at this time. She asked if Dr. Hunt would be paid the remainder of her contracted salary, and who the Board had retained as legal representation. Board responded that we are unable to comment as regards Dr. Hunt's, or any CMCS personnel, and shared that Turner & Caudell, LLC of Columbia, SC had been retained.
- Questioner asked about Dr. Hunt's date of departure. Board confirmed timeline that Dr. Hunt gave notice of her resignation.
- Another person asked why Dr. Hunt resigned? Board responded that we were surprised at this decision.
- Was the school going to retain the Montessori method or change to other possibilities. Board responded that there were no discussions to change from a Montessori based school.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES & AGENDA:

Lesley Byrne-Steadly made a motion to accept the December minutes Jessica Doll seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes and the motion passed.

Jessica Doll made a motion to add an item to the meeting's agenda, which was approved. She suggested that the Board work to create a Public Communication Policy regarding how

information is shared with school community and media. Ryan Fabbri recommended that considering Dr. Doll's expertise in Human Resources that she compile a communication protocol to present for discussion at next month's board meeting.

Board presented updated CMCS contact directory (See attached). Jess doll made a motion to approve directory. Lesley Byrne-Steadly seconded motion and board voted to approve.

Kelly Hayes made a motion to approve a 3% salary increase for CMCS teachers and staff. Rob Phillips seconded the motion and Board voted to approve.

DIRECTORS REPORT

Dr. Chip Hennecey presented director's report. See attached

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jenny Holland of KMC Consulting presented CMCS financial report.

- At this time of the year, we should be at 50% on most categories. At 51%, we are right on target
- We are waiting to receive federal funds
- Most expenses for the year were spent up front at the beginning of the school year
- Payments that were previously miscoded will be corrected
- Expenses for food services are currently in the negative

Ryan Fabbri made a motion to move reserve USDA accounts (as required by USDA) to an interest bearing fund with a local Government Investment Pool. Kelly Hayes seconded. Board voted to approve.

Breakfast/ Lunch Food Program

Ryan Fabbri explained that it was no longer sustainable to continue with providing lunch through current private vendor due to the increase in the number of students who qualify for free lunch program. Kelly Hayes explained that in recent discussion with Georgetown County School District it was suggested that we return to having district provide lunch and hoped that we could resolve the challenge of transportation logistics at January 29th GCSD meeting.

Ryan Fabbri made a motion to reschedule next board meeting from Monday, February 18th to Tuesday, February 19th because of Presidents' Day holiday on the 18th. Kelly Hayes seconded the motion and Board voted to approve.

All business on agenda being completed, chair Ryan Fabbri invited further public comments and questions. Discussion followed regarding:

- Board expectations for new Director in setting the culture of the school
- Consideration for a larger salary increase to teachers and staff
- Search for new school director
- Requiring CMCS families to complete set number of volunteer hours per year
- Use of volunteers (parent & community) to provide Spanish, art and music to students

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, Ryan Fabbri moved the meeting be adjourned. Kelly Hayes seconded the motion. The Board VOTED unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.