

Coastal Montessori Charter School

Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, May 20, 2019 6:00 PM

BOARD OF MEMBER ROLL CALL

The following members of the board were present:

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

ABSENT:

Jess Doll

Also in attendance:

Dr. Chip Hennecey, Interim CMCS Director
Matt Whitman, Building Manager
Shaye Heiskell, Staff member
Robyn Jones, volunteer yoga instructor at CMCS, parent
Amy Miller, parent
Kristine Kaulback, parent

CALL TO ORDER:

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

READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT:

Pat Gadek read aloud the CMCS mission statement

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES & AGENDA:

Pat Gadek made a motion to accept the April 19th Board minutes, Ryan Fabbri seconded the motion. Kelly Hayes made a motion to accept the agenda and Marshall Easterling seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes & agenda and the motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Robyn Jones, as the yoga instructor at CMCS for Miss Hilary, Miss Sarah and Dr. T's classes, stated that the issue of space for the instruction has become difficult. She has seen great strides in the students' practice, both managing their stress and anxiety as well as being able to meditate and breathe. She asks our permission to explore, through foundations and grant money, to create an open air area to practice yoga.

Lesley Byrne-Steadly made a motion for Robyn Jones to pursue said action and Ryan Fabbri seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously.

- Amy Miller made the following comment: "I regret not being able to attend last night's Selection Committee meeting but would regret more not making my informed opinion and recommendation known to this Board of Directors. I strongly believe the board has an obligation to review and consider the merits of the committee's original

recommendation for the candidate presented at Thursday's board meeting. I also firmly believe options still exist to keep the search active while not abandoning the vetted and viable candidate presented to the board. We know we have at least one very strong candidate. Let's not lose this candidate. Based on my understanding of what transpired at Thursday's board meeting, there was discussion of one other candidate that had not been interviewed. If it is determined that the candidate is still interested, please give the selection committee approximately 7-10 days to interview that candidate and come back to you with a final recommendation that you would be comfortable voting on. While this is a challenging task with the end of the school year approaching and the board makeup about to change, I strongly believe this option is worthwhile and should be considered. Because throughout this selection process and at the end of the day, we all want the same thing...we want to hire the best candidate for the job, thereby doing what is in the best interest of the children of CMCS

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Enrollment data: 266 students, 4 down from April 15, 2019
- Personnel update: Upper El teaching position- Katie Wilson recommended for 2019-2020
- MS science teacher position posted on 5 sites, 3 applicants, interview to scheduled next week. Music/chorus teacher posted 5 sites, interviewed 1 candidate but he elected to remain upstate.
- SC State testing: State testing (SC PASS, SC READY, EOCT) held May 14, 15, 16. 17. May 21-23 remaining dates.
- Maintenance/
- Referendum ideas:
 1. Boiler
 2. Shed for irrigation pump and controls
 3. Improving te courtyard behind room 103.
 4. 32 new chrome books, Quotes from Firefly computers estimate: \$8,000.00; Amazon.com \$8,333.00; GCSD, \$11,245,40.
 5. Outdoor work space for students.
 6. 5 more door pads for lock down door system.
 7. Sliding doors (acoustical doors) to close off kitchen from grandhall
- Announcements:
Eighth grade graduation June 3, Upper El graduation June 6th Lower El graduation

Motion to present an offer to Katie Wilson for the open Upper Elementary teacher position was made by Rob Fabbri and seconded by Pat Gadek. The Board voted unanimously.

Motion was made by Leslie Byrne-Steadly and seconded by Marshall Easterling to release money for the purchase of 32 Chrome Books from Firefly Computers at the cost of \$8,000. Quote #657058. 1271 Red Fox Road, St. Paul, MN 55112. The Board voted unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pat Gadek made a motion to move into executive session at 6:40 and Ryan Fabbri seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, Chair, Ryan Fabbri moved the meeting be adjourned. Pat Gadek seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted
Patricia Gadek
CMCS Board Secretary