

Final

COASTAL MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL  
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020

**Directors Present:**

Tyler Easterling, Sarah Smith, Paula Johnson, Kim Evans-Robey, Tiffany Jenkins, Kristi Stephens, Gwyn Single, Meagan Leventis, Kelly Hayes

**Also Present:**

Dr. Gene Nicastro, Director, Amy Williams, Lower Elementary Teacher, Chris Sokoloski with Coastal Observer, Antoinette Ursits, Lower Elementary Teacher, Joy Burch, PTO, Trisha Gaskill, Upper Elementary Teacher, Nan Gadek, Specials Teacher, Melanie Whitman, Parent, Katie Wilson, Upper Elementary Teacher, Amy Miller, Parent, Haley Drecksage, Middle School Teacher, Katy Bryant, Parent, Carie Crosby, Parent, Sarah Wilson, Upper Elementary Teacher, Kristin Bohan, Community Member, Jaime Davis, Parent, Lisa Deyoung, Paraprofessional, Macon Warren, Middle School Teacher, Natalie Boggs, Teaching Assistant, Amber Wheeler Bacon, Literacy Coach, Nikki Elicker, Teaching Assistant

**Call to Order**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Coastal Montessori Charter School (CMCS), was held on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 6:00pm via Zoom due to the COVID-19 quarantine. The meeting was called to order by Tyler Easterling at 6:02pm.

**Quorum:**

Yes

**Approval of Agenda:**

Tyler Easterling presented to the Board the agenda for the meeting; agenda stands as distributed.

**Approval of Minutes of October 19, 2020 Meeting**

Tyler Easterling presented to the Board the minutes of the October 19 meeting for Board approval. Minutes stand as distributed.

**Approval of Minutes of October 29, 2020 Meeting**

Tyler Easterling presented to the Board the minutes of the October 29 meeting for Board approval. Minutes stand as distributed.

**Public Comment**

No public comments were received prior to the meeting.

**Information and Reports**

**Director's Report**

Report was presented by Dr. Gene Nicastro.

- Enrollment
  - Current enrollment is 234
  - 5 additional students scheduled to begin by the end of November
    - Both families moving from out of state

- Open Enrollment Through December 15, 2020
  - 23 new students thus far, with 21 being incoming 1<sup>st</sup> graders
- Assessments
  - CogAT – Cognitive Abilities Test
    - Grade 2 Administered October 20-22
    - Grades 3-8 Administered October 27-29
    - Results expected by winter break
  - MAP – Measure of Academic Progress
    - Winter Assessments administered prior to winter break
- Staffing
  - CMCS welcomed Ms. Zenda Littreal as a Short-Term Substitute (STS)
- Annual SC Charter Schools Conference
  - November 18-19
  - Dr. T. (Trisha Gaskill) Session on 21st Century Skills and Constructivism
- Veterans Day
  - Beginning with the American Revolution and continuing to the current War on Terror, the Georgetown County Veterans Memorial, located at 715 Church St. in Georgetown SC, is a salute to the brave men and women who have answered our Country's call to military service. Click [HERE](#) for a 9-minute, narrated video.
  - The schools throughout Georgetown County created displays in honor of Veterans Day. Click [HERE](#) for a 3-minute video showing the displays.

### Chairman's Report

- Dr. Nicastro and Tyler met with Superintendent Price at CMCS. We talked with him about SC Cares money, working together on technology, cleaning supplies, and nursing assistance funding. Discussed Charter Renewal timing and meeting more regularly beginning the first of the year.

### Finance Committee Report

Budget revision 3 (R3). Revisions made were savings that were generated because the kids are not in the building. Some of the savings are due to 6<sup>th</sup> grade MMUN trip not taking place this year and less supplies being used.

**Motion:** Sarah Smith made motion to approve revision R3 of the 20-21 Budget.

**Second:** Kelly Hayes

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Resolved:** Motion carried

**Motion:** Kristi Stephens made a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:21.

**Second:** Sarah Smith

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Resolved:** Motion carried

**Motion:** Sarah Smith made a motion to exit Executive Session at 9:49pm.

**Second:** Kim Evans-Robey

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Resolved:** Motion carried

Public attendees returned to the meeting.

Tyler entertained motion to terminate the contract of Gene Nicastro effective immediately.

**First:** Gwyn Single

**Second:** Kim Evans-Robey.

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Resolved:** Motion carried

Tyler announced that as Assistant Director, Dr. Hennecey will serve as acting director until an Interim Director is voted on.

**Motion:** Kelly Hayes made a motion to authorize the Board Chair to negotiate a contract to secure an Interim Director.

**Second:** Kristi Stephens

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Resolved:** Motion Carried

Next meeting is Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 2:00pm.

There being no further discussion and no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Paula Johnson, Recording Secretary