

FINAL

COASTAL MONTESSORI CHARTER SCHOOL  
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020

**Directors Present:**

Paula Johnson, Tyler Easterling, Sarah Smith, 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

**Call to Order**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of Coastal Montessori Charter School (CMCS), was held on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6:00pm via Zoom due to the COVID-19 quarantine. The meeting was called to order by Tyler Easterling at 6:05pm.

**Quorum:**

Yes

**Adoption of Agenda:**

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

**Approval of Minutes of September 21, 2020 Meeting**

Tyler Easterling presented to the Board the minutes of the September 21 meeting for Board approval. Minutes stand as distributed.

**Information and Reports**

**PTO Report**

Report was given by Joy Burch. Pumpkin Math will take place this year. Membership drive is launching October 24. Golf Tournament scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Director's Report**

Report was presented by Dr. Gene Nicastro.

- **Goal** – From July 2020 Presentation – Our goal is to implement a re-opening plan that is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of our students, staff, and families while simultaneously implementing an effective, Montessori program that meets the diverse needs of our students.
- **Management of Suspected and Confirmed Covid-19** – Based upon the guidelines from DHEC, a student or staff member should not come to work/school based upon the following criteria:
  - Any (1) one of the following: fever, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, new or worsening cough.
  - Any two (2) of the following: sore throat, muscle or body aches, chills or fatigue, headache, congestion or runny nose, diarrhea, nausea or vomiting.
  - Anyone known to be a close contact (defined as being within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more) to a COVID-19 case while contagious must be excluded from school for 14 days after last contact

with the person with COVID-19. This exclusion requirement applies even if masks were worn if social distancing was not maintained.

- Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 and people with symptoms of COVID-19 who do not get tested, should isolate until: 10 days have passed since symptoms started AND 3 days have passed since last fever without taking medicine to reduce fever AND overall improvement in symptoms. Those who test positive by a PCR (nasal swab) test but do not have symptoms will be required to stay out of school until 10 days after the specimen was collected.
- **CMCS Parent Survey Data from 9/25/2020 –**
  - 85% indicate the volume/amount of work is about right
  - 88.4% indicate the level of rigor is about right
  - 82.9% indicate the amount of synchronous learning opportunities is about right
  - 80.8% indicate the amount of asynchronous learning opportunities is about right
  - 85.6% indicate their child is extremely or mostly engaged during the virtual learning model
  - 91.1% indicate they are extremely or mostly satisfied with the virtual learning model
  - 71.2% indicate they would be extremely comfortable or comfortable with their child returning to CMCS for an in-person learning model

Next Steps: A decision regarding our approach for the next phase will be communicated to families at the end of October.

#### **Chairman's Report**

- Board members are reminded to send a bio and photograph for the website to Kristy in the office.

#### **Finance Committee Report**

Budget revision 2 (R2). Revisions made for savings purposes.

**Motion:** Sarah Smith made motion to approve revision R2 of the 20-21 Budget.

**Second:** Tiffany Jenkins

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Resolved:** Motion carried

Palomar Insurance Property Renewal policy is coming due 10/27/20. Cost is \$17,227.00 for a year.

**Motion:** Kristi Stephens made a motion to approve the Palomar Insurance Property Renewal policy for \$17,227.00.

**Second:** Gwyn Single

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Resolved:** Motion Carried

Adoption of 20-21 Handbooks

**Motion:** Kelly Hayes made a motion to table adoption of policies for all 4 handbooks (Employee, Parent, Procedural, and Student Code of Conduct) due to wording inconsistencies between the policy and handbooks.

**Second:** Kim Evans-Robey

**Vote:** Unanimous

**Resolved:** Motion Carried

Paula Johnson made motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:38pm.

**Second:** Kelly Hayes

Sarah Smith made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:58 pm.

**Second:** Gwyn

No action taken as a result of Executive Session.

Next meeting is Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 6:00pm.

There being no further discussion and no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Paula Johnson, Recording Secretary