

California Montessori Project

Minutes of the Governing Board

Meeting Information

- **Date:** Monday, May 8, 2017
- **Time:** 6:30 pm
- **Meeting Place:** CMP-Orangevale: 6545 Beech Ave, Orangevale, CA 95662; 916.673.9389; Room 6
- **Emergency Contact:** Gary Bowman at (916) 204-0271

Agenda

Meeting Call to Order and Roll Call

| Board Member Names and Titles for Roll Call | | | |
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| X | Rob Henderson - Business Representative | X | Tamika L'Ecluse - Montessori Representative |
| X | Sara Meece - Network Teacher Representative | | Dave Nelson - Business Representative |
| | Rick Parks - Parent Representative – Capitol | X | Wes Pepper - Charter Representative |
| | Scott Porter - Parent Representative – Elk Grove | X | Andrea Ridge - Parent Representative – San Juan |
| X | Jenny Savakus - Community Representative | | |

Communication from Public/Recognitions

- **Public Comment:** A parent from the CMP-Shingle Springs Campus addressed the Board with follow up comments regarding her concerns about the implementation of the discipline/anti-bullying policy.
- **Public Acknowledgement:** Kim Aldridge (CMP-Orangevale Principal) recognized two CMP-OR parents and one teacher, as follows: Norm Covell (grandparent volunteer); Sam Baeder (basketball coach/PE sub); Brittany Akinaka (lead teacher/CAC Teacher Rep/Rosetta Stone Mentor). Superintendent, Gary Bowman, and Director of Program, Mickey Slamkowski recognized Teri Groves (Administrative Assistant/Super Saturday Coordinator). Gary Bowman also recognized Madeline Sweet (CMP-Shingle Springs student) with a student leadership award.

Consent Items

1. **Minutes from the regular Governing Board Meeting of April 17, 2017**
2. **CMP-Board 2017-2018 Meeting Calendar**
 - Tamika L'Ecluse made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Andrea Ridge seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 6 ayes, 0 noes, motion carries. Consent Agenda is approved.

Informational Items

1. **Campus Reports:** Board members reviewed campus reports as submitted. Principal Kim Aldridge, provided a campus update highlighting the wrought iron fence by the lower elementary classrooms which are close to the road; swings which have been installed; a tuff shed was purchased and put up for PE and playground equipment; the new Middle School classroom; and office beautification. She noted in the 17/18 school year her campus will be adding a second middle school classroom and collapsing the TK/K room. Their Club M program is growing as is the campus garden. Extra-Curricular activities abound such as field trips, harvest festival, world fair, Fundraisers (APEX fun run), and more.
2. **General Report from the CMP Superintendent/Executive Director:** Executive Director Gary Bowman provided an update on the following:
 - a) Gary reported on the Bullying Process Action Plan in response to his meeting with a parent who shared concerns about the Bullying Complaint Process.
 - b) Facilities Grants (CSFA): Facilities Grants with CSFA have been filed and CMP hopes to receive a grant to help off-set leases sometime in June/July. SJUSD offered us a grant as well which we have applied for. It would potentially affect CMP-AR and CMP-OR. Potential upgrades in paint and other building improvements.

- c) Accreditation: Gary Bowman shared all of our campuses have received a 6-year accreditation with AMS and WASC.
 - d) Safe Haven: CMP reviewed the Safe Haven resolutions from our Charting Districts.
 - e) Administrative Update CMP-SJ: Gary let the Board know RaDene Girola, Principal at CMP-American River, submitted her letter of resignation and has taken a position with the California Department of Education in the Special Education Department. Interviews have been conducted and they hope to announce a new administrator by Friday.
- 3. Budget Update and Workshop:** Gary Bowman (CMP-Executive Director) and Karl Yoder (DMS) presented a pre-budget meeting update with the Board to give them a chance to review the budget and offer any input or ask questions.

Action Items

- 1. Board to Approve the Proposed Updated 2016-2017 Instructional Minutes**
 - a) Andrea Ridge made a motion to approve the updated 2016-2017 Instructional Minutes. Wes Pepper seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 6 ayes, 0 noes, motion carries. Motion is approved.
- 2. Board to Approve the inclusion of the CMP Vision Statement into CMP's Strategic Plan.**
 - a. Sara Meece made a motion to approve the CMP Vision Statement as presented. Wes Pepper seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 6 ayes, 0 noes, motion carries. Motion is approved.
- 3. Consideration of gift, in the amount of \$17,000, from DMS.**
 - a. Let the minutes reflect the gift from DMS was in the amount of \$17,525. Tamika L'Ecluse made a motion to approve the gift from DMS in the amount of \$17,525. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 6 ayes, 0 noes, motion carries. Motion is approved.
- 4. Public Announcement of Closed Session Agenda Items**
 - a. Board Chair, Rob Henderson, announced the Board will be meeting in closed session to discuss the Public Employment of the Executive Director/Superintendent.

Closed Session

- 1. Public Employment**
 - a) Title: Executive Director/Superintendent

Reconvene to Open Session

1. Public Report of Action Taken in Closed Session, if any, and the Vote or Abstention of Every Board Member Present. Rob Henderson, Board Chair reported out regarding salary and benefits under contract for Gary Bowman. No action was taken in closed session.

Action Item

- 1. Approval of Employment Agreement for Gary Bowman, Executive Director/Superintendent of California Montessori Project (2017-2020).**
 - a) Andrea Ridge made a motion to approve the Employment Agreement for Gary Bowman, Executive Director/Superintendent of California Montessori Project (2017-2020) as presented. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion. Roll call vote taken: Sara Meece, Aye; Rob Henderson, Aye; Wes Pepper, Aye; Tamika L'Ecluse, Aye; Andrea Ridge, Aye; Jenny Savakus, Aye. Motion is approved.

Discussion Items

- Suggested Items for Discussion at Future Meetings presented by Board Members
 - Safe Haven

Meeting Adjournment

- Next Governing Board Meeting: Monday, June 12, 2017 at the Central Administration Offices.
- Sara Meece made a motion to adjourn the May 8, 2017 regular meeting of the Governing Board. Wes Pepper seconded the motion. Voice vote taken: 6 ayes, 0 noes, motion carries.