

California Montessori Project

Minutes of the Regular Annual meeting of the Governing Board

April 12, 2021; Conference Call

Meeting Information

- **Date:** Monday, April 12, 2021
 - **Time:** 6:30 p.m.
 - **Locations:** Conference Call
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Agenda

Meeting Call to Order and Roll Call: 6:32 pm

Board Member Names and Titles for Roll Call			
x	Rob Henderson - Business Representative	x	Maggie Carmona - Parent Representative – San Juan
x	Adam Childers - Business Representative	x	Marwa Helmy - Parent Representative – Capitol
x	Jenny Savakus - Community Representative	x	Scott Porter - Parent Representative – Elk Grove
x	Tamika L'Ecluse-Montessori Representative	x	Jodi Mottashed – Parent Representative – Shingle Springs
x	Tracey Weinstein – Charter Representative		

Communication from the Public

- **Public Comment:** None. It was noted that Amy Brown from CMP-Capitol provided a comment for this section and it was determined that it was more applicable for Action Item number 4.

Consent Items:

1. **Minutes from the Annual Governing Board Meeting of March 8, 2021** (Attachment #1)
2. **Draft: Board Elections Policy: Redline** (Attachment #2)
3. **2021-2026 Memorandum of Understanding Governing Special Education and Related Services between California Montessori Project Charter – Capitol Campus and Yuba County Special Education Local Plan Area.** (Attachment #3)
4. **2021-2026 Memorandum of Understanding Governing Special Education and Related Services between California Montessori Project Charter – San Juan Campuses and Yuba County Special Education Local Plan Area.** (Attachment #4)
5. **2021-2026 Memorandum of Understanding Governing Special Education and Related Services between California Montessori Project Charter – Elk Grove Campus and Yuba County Special Education Local Plan Area.** (Attachment #5)
6. **2021-2026 Memorandum of Understanding Governing Special Education and Related Services between California Montessori Project Charter – Shingle Springs Campus and Yuba County Special Education Local Plan Area.** (Attachment #6)
7. **Draft: Sub Interim Pay Rates** (Attachment #7)

Marwa Helmy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Adam Childers seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9-ayes, 0-noes, motion carries.

Board Member Names and Titles for Roll Call Vote			
Aye	Rob Henderson - Business Representative	Aye	Maggie Carmona - Parent Representative – San Juan
Aye	Adam Childers – Business Representative	Aye	Marwa Helmy - Parent Representative – Capitol
Aye	Jenny Savakus - Community Representative	Aye	Scott Porter - Parent Representative – Elk Grove
Aye	Tamika L'Ecluse - Montessori Representative	Aye	Jodi Mottashed – Parent Representative – Shingle Springs
Aye	Tracey Weinstein – Charter Representative		

Informational Items:

1. **Campus Reports:** The Board reviewed Campus Reports as submitted. The Board heard from the Teacher Representatives (SS-Marie Liston; OR-Susan Axtell; EG-Judith Ortiz; CAR-Darcy Flathmann; CAP-Cindi Bryant; AR-Teresa Lyday-Selby) who provided an overview of current hybrid learning at each of their sites.
2. **Public Acknowledgement:** Superintendent Barley recognized the following CMP-Staff members:

- Dean of Students Shannon Schmidt for her Mindfulness Meditations one-to-three times a week. This practice is open to anyone in the network, and has been a true gift to those who participate.
 - CMP-Shingle Springs Dean of Students & Lead Coordinator of the Campus Special Education CCEIS Plan Kris Rogers. Kris was instrumental in earning the following praise from the California Department of Education: *“After reviewing your plan, I can honestly say that it was the most thorough, well-written plan that I have seen. Great work!! We were extremely impressed!”*
 - Student Services Coordinator Sherry Butler, Administrative Assistant Teri Groves, and Accounts Payable Analyst Danielle Larkin were recognized for leading another successful open enrollment period for CMP, finding outside the box ways to advertise during COVID, and ensuring CMP had many applicants at each school.
 - CMP Facilities/Maintenance Staff and Binax Testing Staff were recognized for all of their efforts to keep CMP clean, healthy and safe!
3. **CMP-Charter Renewal Updates:** Director of Charter Compliance Stephanie Garrettson provided Charter Renewal updates which included Authorizing District Staff Recommendations and their Board decisions if applicable (CMP-Elk Grove-approved for five-years), (CMP-Capitol-approved for five-years), (CMP- San Juan-public hearing with a recommendation for a five-year renewal).
 4. **General Report from the CMP Superintendent:** Superintendent Barley provided an update on the upcoming lottery, CMP Teacher Salary Schedules, and Club M in both El Dorado County and Sacramento County.
 5. **COVID-19 Update:** Superintendent Barley provided a COVID-19 updated including, but not limited to the following topics: updated CDC Physical Distancing Guidance, updated CDPH Travel Guidance, and Sunsetting the Blueprint for a Safer Economy.
 6. **Monthly Financial Update:** Board Members reviewed the Monthly Financial Update as presented by Alejandra Rodriguez and Bryce Fleming of EdTec.

Action Items

1. **Consideration of Sacramento County Board of Education Resolution No. 21-01 “A Resolution in Support of Equal Treatment for All”** (Attachment #15)
 - **Recommendation:** The Board is requested to approve the Sacramento County Board of Education Resolution No. 21-01 “A Resolution in Support of Equal Treatment for All”.

Maggie Carmona made a motion to approve the Sacramento County Board of Education Resolution No. 21-01 “A Resolution in Support of Equal Treatment for All”. Marwa Helmy seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9-ayes, 0-noes, motion carries.

Board Member Names and Titles for Roll Call Vote			
Aye	Rob Henderson - Business Representative	Aye	Maggie Carmona - Parent Representative – San Juan
Aye	Adam Childers - Business Representative	Aye	Marwa Helmy - Parent Representative – Capitol
Aye	Jenny Savakus - Community Representative	Aye	Scott Porter - Parent Representative – Elk Grove
Aye	Tamika L’Ecluse - Montessori Representative	Aye	Jodi Mottashed – Parent Representative – Shingle Springs
Aye	Tracey Weinstein – Charter Representative		

2. Consideration of the MOU between SJUSD and CMP-San Juan Campuses (Attachment #16)

- **Comment:** Concurrent with the anticipated renewal of the CMP-San Juan Charter, SJUSD provided a new MOU effective July 1, 2021.
- **Recommendation:** The Board is requested to approve the MOU between SJUSD and CMP-San Juan Campuses allowing the CMP Superintendent to make minor revisions as appropriate.

Scott Porter made a motion to approve the MOU between SJUSD and CMP-San Juan Campuses allowing the CMP Superintendent to make minor revisions as appropriate. Jodi Mottashed seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9-ayes, 0-noes, motion carries.

Board Member Names and Titles for Roll Call Vote			
Aye	Rob Henderson - Business Representative	Aye	Maggie Carmona - Parent Representative – San Juan
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Aye	Jenny Savakus - Community Representative	Aye	Scott Porter - Parent Representative – Elk Grove
Aye	Tamika L’Ecluse - Montessori Representative	Aye	Jodi Mottashed – Parent Representative – Shingle Springs
Aye	Tracey Weinstein – Charter Representative		

3. El Dorado County COVID Safety Plan (Attachment #17)

- **Comment:** CMP-Shingle Springs, has drafted a COVID Safety Plan in accordance with County and State public health guidelines. The updates to the plan include changes to the physical distancing guidelines and updates to the travel advisory.
- **Recommendation:** The Board is requested to approve the updated CMP-Shingle Springs / El Dorado County COVID Safety Plan.

Jodi Mottashed made a motion to approve the updated CMP-Shingle Springs / El Dorado County COVID Safety Plan. Jenny Savakus seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 9-ayes, 0-noes, motion carries.

Board Member Names and Titles for Roll Call Vote			
Aye	Rob Henderson - Business Representative	Aye	Maggie Carmona - Parent Representative – San Juan
Aye	Adam Childers - Business Representative	Aye	Marwa Helmy - Parent Representative – Capitol
Aye	Jenny Savakus - Community Representative	Aye	Scott Porter - Parent Representative – Elk Grove
Aye	Tamika L’Ecluse - Montessori Representative	Aye	Jodi Mottashed – Parent Representative – Shingle Springs

4. Sacramento County COVID Safety Plan (Attachment #18)

- **Comment:** CMP-San Juan, CMP-Elk Grove, and CMP-Capitol, have drafted a COVID Safety Plan in accordance with County and State public health guidelines. The updates to the plan include changes to the physical distancing guidelines, delivery of in-person learning, and updates to the travel advisory.
- **Recommendation:** The Board is requested to approve the updated CMP- Sacramento County COVID Safety Plan (which includes CMP-San Juan, CMP-Elk Grove, and CMP-Capitol).

Public Comments [via Zoom]:

1. Amy Brown spoke in favor of going back to 5 days in-person learning.
2. Jerry Kennedy spoke in regards to limited input from teachers and no input from parents in regards to the proposed plan to re-open 5 days a week.
3. Christina Hitchens-Kennedy voiced her concerns on moving to 5 day in person instruction.
4. Alex Murray spoke in regards to “opening to 5 days and the problems it causes”.
5. Sara Keeler commented on parent and staff involvement in the most recent proposed reopening plan.

6. Peter LaBlanc spoke in favor of keeping the school schedule as is for the remainder of the school year.
7. Mary Kate LeBlanc expressed concern changing from the hybrid schedule to a five-day 100% in-person model.
8. Kelly Holland expressed support for the proposed plan.
9. Cathy Ponsano, Cindi Bryant, Elissa O'Donnell, Elise Nelson, Alana Kimball, and Rebecca Godfrey spoke against the proposed plan.
10. Jenna Westbrook-Kline spoke against the proposed plan.
11. Racheal Robinson expressed opposition to returning to campus full time with limited school days left.
12. John R. Parker expressed concerns about returning to full in person instruction.
13. Jr, Meegan Nagy spoke in support of reopening for 5 days per week.
14. Elise Achimore expressed concerns regarding the proposed plan to return to campus 5 days a week.
15. Elissa Moore opposed the proposed reopening plan.
16. Patrick Campbell provided input regarding the advantage of direct classroom instruction over distance learning.
17. Kathleen Campbell provided input regarding the return to in-person learning.
18. Michell Franklin stated her disagreement with Capitol Campus returning to 5 days in person learning.
19. Vincent Vibat spoke in support of the reopening plan.
20. Keira Miller expressed concern about the proposal to return to 5 days of instruction.
21. Katey Dodd expressed support for the proposed reopening plan.
22. Ryan Luttrell provided comments regarding the proposed reopening plan.
23. Felecia Przybyla spoke in support of the proposed reopening plan.
24. Melanie Thomas spoke in support of the proposed reopening plan.
25. Renee Dall spoke in opposition to leaving the hybrid model for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.
26. Kiki Onsted commented in favor of bringing all children back to school 5 days a week.
27. Jeannee Wainscott expressed concern regarding surveying of teachers.
28. Allison Ramsey expressed support of the proposed reopening plan.
29. Anonymous submitted a comment in opposition of the proposed reopening plan.
30. Makenna Haramia spoke on behalf of Amy Angove, Heather Chace, Lesley Morris, and Tyler Wescott expressing their concerns about returning to 5 days-a-week instruction.
31. Jessica Baran expressed her opposition to the proposed reopening plan.
32. David Martin expressed concern regarding the reopening plan, and expressed interest in bringing Montessori back to CMP.
33. Tanya Gipson-Nahman expressed concern about the speed CMP would return to a 5 day schedule at the Capitol Campus.
34. Juliana Mohr spoke in support of the best interest of the students and returning to full time instruction.
35. Warren and Kristin Silva spoke in support of moving to a five day a week in-person learning model.
36. Anonymous spoke in favor of staying in the current Hybrid Learning Model.
37. Melanie Brown spoke in support of the proposed reopening plan.

Scott Porter made a motion to approve the updated Sacramento County COVID Safety Plan (which includes CMP-San Juan, CMP-Elk Grove, and CMP-Capitol). Marwa Helmy seconded the motion.

Following public comment, board members made a motion to approve, then offered comments and asked clarifying questions related to the details of the plan. The Board tabled the item and action was scheduled for a Special Board Meeting on April 19, 2021. The Board directed Superintendent Barley to survey parents and staff, see what SJUSD is going to move forward with, and reach out to legal counsel.

5. Approval of the updated 2020-2021 Trimester School Calendar (Attachment #19)

- **Comment:** The 2020-2021 Trimester School Calendar has been updated to reflect changes as a result of current in-person learning requirements. These changes only impact the CMP-Sac County schools (American River, Capitol, Carmichael, Elk Grove, and Orangevale). The following changes were made to the calendar: references to Club M being opened or closed; added names of CMP Sac County schools in the header of the calendar; removed Shingle Springs from Early Release Days Dismissal section.
- **Recommendation:** The Board is requested to approve the updated 2020-2021 School Year Calendar as presented.

Approval of the updated 2020-2021 Trimester School Calendar was tabled until the Special Meeting.

6. Approval of the updated 2020-2021 Instructional Minutes (Attachments #20)

- **Comment:** The 2020-2021 Instructional Minutes has been updated to reflect changes in the calendar due to in-person learning. The number of regular and minimum day counts were adjusted to reflect 153 and 27 respectively regarding changing May 5th & 19th from Regular days to ERD days.
- **Recommendation:** The Board is requested to approve the updated 2020-2021 Instructional Minutes as presented.

Approval of the updated 2020-2021 Instructional Minutes was tabled until the Special Meeting.

Discussion Items: None

Meeting Adjournment

Tamika L'Ecluse made a motion to approve the updated instructional minutes as presented. Marwa Helmy seconded the motion. Roll call vote: 8-ayes, 0-noes, motion carries.

Board Member Names and Titles for Roll Call Vote			
Aye	Rob Henderson - Business Representative	Aye	Maggie Carmona - Parent Representative – San Juan
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Upcoming Governing Board Meetings:

- 5/10/21: CAP Hosting
- 6/14/21

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