

CVMCS Executive Board Minutes
August 23rd, 2019

Meeting called to order: 12:04pm

Present: Jeremy Gragert, Rebecca Brustad, Mark Lundin

Absent: Shannon Paulus

Guests present: Todd Johnson

Contract

Shelly and Rebecca met with the Superintendent this summer. She did not seem to have concerns about the upcoming contract negotiations.

Todd said the sooner we get into the work on the contract the better. Assume it would go to the innovation team of the school board, then go to the school board.

Need to discuss what we want to see in the contract, and what we need to update in it that are new requirements from the state.

One sticky point could be the 4k bussing. We cannot improve our diversity without 4k bussing. How we receive money from the district may be another topic, since the district office manages our financial situation. Works out really well, since we do not have the resources to do that.

Staffing of the school compared to other district schools has been a topic in the past.

Need to keep contracts pretty minimal.

Would like to have it be another 5-year contract.

Discussed inviting the school board members to social events at the school, rather than for a general tour.

How Montessori we are is not a part of the contract -- more about the legal side of things, and it is not about Montessori philosophy.

Discussed whether to have the Governance Board work on the contract, or create a Task Force.

August 27 Meeting

Two main topics will be: The contract, and the Committee Structure.

The Strategic Plan we are operating under goes until 2020. At our retreat next summer we will be redoing it.

Discussed the possibility of having fewer committees, but with more members.

Meeting Schedule

We do not have a meeting in September.

Governance Board Meetings (Meeting time 6:00-8:00 PM):

- August 27, 2019 - Kick Off Meeting
- October 1, 2019
- November 5, 2019
- December 3, 2019
- January 7, 2020

- February 4, 2020
- March 3, 2020
- April 7, 2020
- May 5, 2020

Parent Rep

John Kleven is the new rep.

Consultants

They are scheduled to be here this fall, continuing to build relationships with the teachers, and will have the consultants go into the classrooms next year. About long-term professional development, intentional and thought-out. Staff and teachers have to feel empowered. We want staff to invite them into the classrooms.

Signing Day

Signing Day is when kids come see their classrooms and parents sign what they need to sign. Will look for board members to volunteer at a table for the Governance Board: Tuesday, September 3: 9am-11am, 12pm-2pm

Next Executive Board Meeting is on Thursday, September 19 at 9am. (moved from Noon)

Adjourned 1:14pm

Minutes by Jeremy Gragert, Secretary