

# Cornerstone Montessori Elementary School

Governance Committee Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 28, 2020, 5:30 p.m. (Online)

Members: Chris Bewell, Jean Melancon, Maisah Outlaw, Julaine Roffers-Agarwal (Chair)

## AGENDA

- 1) Call Meeting to Order 5:34 pm
- 2) Public Comment Period – Comments limited to 3 minutes per person
- 3) Goals for today's meeting:
  - a) Review policy progress
    - i) Policies to review:
      - (1) 404 Employment and School Background Checks Policy- edited, will send for Consent Agenda for May Board meeting
      - (2) 503.01 Homeless Children Attendance Policy (incorporate suggestions from Barbara Williams to Maisah)- send for Consent Agenda for May Board Meeting
- 4) Code of conduct for Board members
  - a) Review previous draft- waiting for response from MACS about wording
- 5) Review of spring election procedure
  - a) Discussion of election procedure- Chris sent out election procedure and ballot to all families, CMES staff, and board members. Election will be over Zoom for 45 min prior to annual school meeting. She is going to have absentee ballots sent to her directly to avoid having them delayed.
- 6) Board Member Self Evaluation results from Jean
  - a) Review aggregated data and discuss any ideas to incorporate- see attached results.
- 7) Education (orientation, ongoing education, etc.)
  - a) Education for next board meeting-Budget 101 for adapting to changing needs
  - b) Any additions to list of future board level education topics
    - i) Nancy Dana- governance training
    - ii) Understanding the budget
    - iii) Understand the academic goals and how to support them
    - iv) Paris Dunning (ESABA Executive Director)
    - v) Sarah Plumb (Jr High teacher from Oak Hill)
    - vi) Visit to St Croix Montessori to visit Jr High site or operating Jr High site (Oak Hill, Lake Country, Sunny Hollow, maybe Parkway)
    - vii) Ben Moudry (Lake Country HOS, experiences and lessons from starting an adolescent program)
    - viii) Family demographics- where families are coming from/commuting distance, etc.
    - ix) Specialty teachers, support staff, what is special education- present on what each one does, level of Montessori training for each position
    - x) Continued Equity in MN discussion
    - xi) Understanding how CMES children are being prepared for the next level of education
- 8) Next Meeting
  - a) Tuesday May 26, 2020 at 5:30 pm on Google Meet
- 9) Any other business
- 10) Adjourn-6:31 pm