

## **Governance Committee Minutes**

### **November 15, 2016**

Committee Members Present: Chris Bewell, Melissa Santrach, Andrea Galdames, Liz Coenen  
Other Attendees: Liesl Taylor

#### **Policy**

- Reviewed *Service Learning Policy* - recommended for approval at November meeting

Future Action: *Behavior and Dismissal Policy* - Liesl will develop the school practice section and present a revised draft to the Governance Committee.

#### **Governance**

- Reviewed and discussed VOA Board Meeting Observation Report.
- Discussed ways to strengthen CMES-MCM program partner relationship. Ideas included:
  - Offering an introduction to charter school governance, academic program management, operations, and MDE/VOA compliance.
  - Explore opportunities to advocate for high fidelity Montessori in the public sector; for example, executive functioning and social emotional learning.
- Began discussion of the need to build constructive relationships with boards of other Montessori charter schools in MN.

#### **Board Development**

- Melissa and Liz are following up on 3 potential board members for the open community member seats.

*Respectfully submitted by Liz Coenen, CMES Board Chair*