



# Community School for Creative Education

Tuesday, March 3, 2015-6:00 PM

## Minutes

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**1. Call to Order and Attendance & Verse** 6:00 PM

<u>Board Members</u>	Present	Absent
Michele Meyer, Chair	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Suzanne Larsen	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Andrew Peters, Vice Chair	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Peter Hanley, Emeritus Vice Chair	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Andrea Kent	<u>      </u>	<u>  x  </u>
<u>Staff</u>		
Ida Oberman	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>
Kathryn Wilson	<u>  x  </u>	<u>      </u>

**1. Review & Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Peter moved to approve the agenda.  
Ms. Hanley seconded.

Motion passed unanimously 4:0

**2. Public Comments**  
No public comment

To make public comment, fill out a speaker card and give it to the board chair.

**3. Consent Agenda**

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes: February 3, 2015
- b. Approval of Check Register: January 2015

Mr. Hanley moved to approve consent agenda pending fix of copy edit items identified by Mr. Hanley.  
Ms. Larsen seconded.

Motion passes unanimously 4:0

**4. Discussion & Action Items**

- a. Executive Committee: CSCE 5 Goals (Mr. Peters) Discussion  
Led by Mr. Peters and recited in turn by Board Members and staff
  
  - b. Budget Committee: 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Report (Mr. Denniston) Action  
Mr. Denniston reports:  
The school has not had to borrow thus far in the year, which is a first in the life of the school and signals financial growing strength. It is remarkable in light of the cut of over \$300,000 in mental health support with an increase of identified students in need of special education services.  
The Board advised:  
That staff offer an update on the school's Energy Audit in April  
That the staff inquire with Mr. Smith of OUSD about the possibility of motion sensors to save energy  
That board and staff continue to keep a constant eye on expenses and where else to save.  
Ms. Larsen suggested the opportunity for in kind support from APPLE for computers and will follow up with a contact she has.
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Ms. Larsen moves to approve the Second Interim.  
Mr. Peters seconds.

Motion passes unanimously 4:0

- c. Budget Committee: Budget Update CSMC (Mr. Denniston) Discussion  
Mr. Denniston offers the financial board report.
- d. Operations Committee: CSCE Attendance Policy (Ms. Wilson) Action  
Action deferred till next meeting.
- e. Academic Committee: Coaching Contract, Ms. Mara Benitez (Meyer/Oberman) Action  
Action deferred till next meeting.
- f. Academic Committee: MPO Progress Report (Dr. Oberman & Ms. Wilson) Discussion

Dr. Oberman reports:

We are in March of our final year before we submit our renewal

We have two more windows of NWEA May and September

We have two more windows of F&P and April SBAC assessment

It's crucial that we show gains for our overall student performance and for our two student groups of focus EL and FRPL

Board advises:

Bring MPO progress report to each meeting going forward.

- g. Principal Report: Reflection on MPOs (Ms. Wilson) Discussion

Ms. Wilson reports:

Arranging Professional Learning Community's schedule to support Cycle of Inquiry to raise student achievement and to build robust lesson plans

Ms. Pillay is pulling out children cross grade who are below in reading.

The school's Professional Learning Community has been focused on SDAIE to better support EL and economically disadvantaged students.

- h. Academic Committee: Middle School Task Force: Report (Ms. Meyer) Discussion

Ms. Wilson reports:

We have a middle school task force

We have an "Eye on Middle School" Tour and Talk series with visits to Waldorf inspired middle schools and with a monthly speaker series: Rudolf Steiner College President and experienced Waldorf school founder and teacher trainer Ms. Betty Staley was our opening speaker in March and she will be followed by CREDO ED and Founder Chip Romer in April.

Board discussed best distinctive features of a middle school. Some discussion was dedicated to the merits and demerits of lockers for middle schoolers.

- i. Community Outreach & Fundraising Committees:(Dr. Oberman) Discussion

Dr. Oberman reports on current enrollment totaling 201 students now

Dr. Oberman reports on Enrollment for the 2015-16 School Year.

TK = 15

Late TK = 2

K = 20

1st = 1

2nd = 0

3rd = 2

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4th = 4

5th = 3

6th = 2

7th = 1

Total = 50

7 more where enrollment packages are expected by next day.

At next Board meeting we will report on number who have confirmed intent to return plus new enrollees.

Community Outreach As of January, every first Friday CSCE has a table at Oakland First Friday and is planning to so so monthly.

As of January, every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Community school co-sponsors a San Antonio Safety Walk led by EBAYC and sponsored also by District 2 Councilmember Able Guillen. The walk goes from International and 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave via Community School to International and 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue to combat sex trafficking and lift up the San Antonio neighborhood and its families.

Fundraising: CSCE has submitted a letter of intent to the Scully Foundation and is planning to apply to the Clorox foundation. If successful, these would be new grantor relations.

Staff has met with Ken Berrick of Seneca and ACOE Board Member to seek advice on SPED funding sources. Staff is seeking a meeting with Ellen Muir and Jeff Rackmill of Alameda County Behavioral and Mental Health Services. Staff will keep the Board posted.

Mentoring now serves 25 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders up from 15 5<sup>th</sup> graders in prior year.

Dr. Oberman has been invited to present a paper, "Opportunity for Equity: Deploying Waldorf Strategies to Master Common Core," with Urban Waldorf Teacher Trainer Dr. Mary Goral at the American Education Research Association Annual Conference 2015 in Chicago. Community School is the case study site with focus on its 5<sup>th</sup> Grade.

- j. Fundraising Committee: Gala (Ms. Kent) Discussion
- k. Facilities Committee: Multi Year Offer, Prop 39 Discussion

Mr. Peters reported that we have received a preliminary multi year offer which we have accepted with a cover letter noting that want to retain our right to pick our own food services and seek assurance on the timeline under which items reported in need of repair will be repaired.

- l. Executive Committee: Renewal/LCAP (Dr. Oberman) Discussion  
Dr. Oberman reminded Board of LCAP and Renewal timelines.
  - m. Upcoming Deliverables Stuart Interim, SFF, CPH, AERA, Renewal/LCAP Discussion
  - J. Closed Session
    - Special Ed Student Matter
    - Special Ed Manifest Determination/Expulsion Matter
    - Report Out No report out.
  - n. Board Development Committee: Pedagogical Section of Goetheanum, Dec 2014, 'Characteristics of a Waldorf/Steiner School': discussion of reading, 'what is confirming; what is surprising in this definition of Waldorf education?' (Ms. Meyer)  
  
Deferred because of lack of time.
  - o. Adjourn  
Mr. Hanley moved to adjourn
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Mr. Peters seconded.

Motion passes unanimously 4:0