

Los Angeles Unified School District

Community Magnet Charter School

Community Council

Minutes

April 1, 2025

1:45 p.m. in Room 25

Public Comment

- Parent Statement - Tiny Spotlight improvements
 - Older students are not challenged. Challenging programs outside of school are prohibitively expensive, not as convenient, and lack the connection to classmates
 - No audition process for students to truly show what they can do, and the same kids seem to get the lead roles
 - Requests:
 - Additional day for auditions
 - Additional day at end for tech rehearsals
 - Find solution for older students, perhaps age-specific performances
 - Administration share feedback to Tiny Spotlight since TS has been unresponsive to parents.
 - Would like concessions fundraiser to be used to replace auditorium lighting.
- Parent Statement – dissatisfied with school response to hate speech incident
 - Heard about incident from child rather than school. Unaddressed, kids are having big reactions and feeling unsafe. Kids need to see that there are consequences for their actions.
 - Discussion:
 - School is prohibited from sharing disciplinary details outside of those involved due to privacy rules. Incident has been dealt with directly with students involved and their parents.
 - CMCS uses *Restorative Justice practices* which focus on repairing harm and rebuilding relationships rather than solely punishing offenders, emphasizing responsibility and accountability.
 - Toni addressed in morning assembly and with email over weekend.
 - While this is the first time this has happened, Council acknowledged need for a tighter system given the current climate, and need to get ahead of communication before kids bring it home
 - Parents are hearing misinformation or gaps in the story, and fill in the blanks with anxiety.
 - Parents taking concerns to other parents and WhatsApp groups, rather than going directly to source. Results in rumors and heightened angst
 - School administration to regroup on ways to evolve communications in the face of heightened climate and students' exposure to hurtful information at home and through social media
 - Discuss what we can do beyond talking about it at the Friday assembly
 - Discuss appropriate level of communication
 - Discuss more stringent processes and oversight to address future issues
 - WhatsApp administrators empowered to delete texts that are gossipy and inappropriate
 - Comments from Judy Chaisson, Ph.D. (Coordinator, Human Relations, Diversity & Equity)
 - Adults hear things third hand, and fill in the blanks with anxiety
 - At this age, it's mostly pejorative and students don't know the effect on the adults
 - Limited ways to punish, unlimited ways to educate
- Parent Rep Statement - Request to add 'disabled' to the CMCS Mission. Council agreed to amend.

Approval of Minutes - Approved

- Motion to approve - Dylan
- Second the motion – Fanahi

CFF Updates

- Spring dance was a success. Huge thanks to all who helped.
- Getting ready for elections in all positions. Looking for nominees. Those interested are encouraged to talk to any current officers
- International Children's Day is coming up
- Pump int up started
- Store is releasing new items – Minecraft themed

Committee Updates - None

Principal Update

- Celebrate! CMCS awarded California Distinguished School Award
 - One of only 336 CA schools that have shown to close the Achievement Gap and demonstrate exceptional student performance.
- School Experience Survey (10 days left)- Please encourage parents to complete the survey before the April 11th deadline and turn in the confirmation of completion to child's teacher or to Toni at trk2932@lausd.net.
- [Community Magnet Charter School Affiliated Charter Renewal Petition](#)
 - Approved through June 2031
- Roofing Project - April 25 – December 31, 2025
 - Staging area will be near cafeteria and upper yard.
 - Will start roofing on auditorium, then will address one building at a time
 - Demolition Work is always after hours, and installation will occur during the school day but with little to no impact on students.

Agenda Items

- Town Hall – Toni will need CFF support to plan and present the Town Hall meeting.
- Staffing for 2025-2026
 - Teacher (1st grade)
 - Position is open, district posted the position yesterday on the LAUSD website. It's also posted on the school website. One application so far. Hopefully will have more next week
 - [Community Service Representative](#)
 - Will post on website, and open to all community
 - Selection committee will be one teacher and one parent – Toni, Fanahi, Lynda, UTLA rep/Council member, Kathi.
 - Translator
 - Alice's replacement – description paired down to translation. Prefer someone from our community
 - Office Technician
- LGBTQIA+ Assemblies
 - Public Statement: Some Kinder parents are concerned that assembly is not age appropriate
 - Supportive of LGBTQ+ assembly, but do not agree that drag is an artform.
 - Believed they were given no alternative, and asked to attend or keep child at home.
 - Do not know how to explain to a 6yr old why a man would wear women's clothes.
 - Parents struggling to navigate the amount of information sent from multiple sources, and are missing the detailed message. Info on Pickle was as an attachment that was missed.
 - Discussion
 - Correction: parents have the option to opt out of the assembly, and their child will be in the library or classroom during the assembly. All assemblies/events have the same opt-out option. There is no reason to keep your child home from school.
 - Communication went through multiple channels, and issues raised are primarily from Kinder. Council acknowledges a learning curve for parents when transitioning from preschool simplified

communications to complex public school communications. CMCS to look at ways to better help new parents onboard at the start of the school year.

- Parent concerns should always be directed to Toni, not through WhatsApp groups where disinformation spreads and emotions are inflated.
- CMCS is true to its mission to be inclusive of all cultures, religions, races and sexual orientation. There are CMCS students who may be exploring their own identity. Like all assemblies, this event aims to build acceptance, understanding, and a generation of advocates. There are current students who are or may be examining their own identity, and we love them and support them all.
- Some LGBTQ parents have noted some hurt, fear and discomfort over the backlash to the assembly. Flagged to address by administration.
- Comments from Judy Chaisson, Ph.D. (LAUSD Coordinator, Human Relations, Diversity & Equity)
 - Concerned parents to examine what specifically makes them uncomfortable with a man in women clothing. There are no issues when Children see adults in costume at Halloween or other dress up events.
- Public Statement: Parent concerned about potential protests at school surrounding the LGBTQ+ Assembly
 - Concerned children will be frightened or internalize a stigma against the assembly content
- Discussion:
 - Any potential protest cannot be held on campus by law. It would occur on the street level.
 - Historically, threats of protest are just that - threats.
 - School Police and LAPD, if necessary, will be on standby should there be any risk to safety

Agenda Items for Next Meeting – New Business

- Tiny Spotlight adjustments for next year
- Revise mission to include 'disabled'

Proposed Meeting Dates May 6 June 3