

**NOTICE & AGENDA
FOR THE MEETING OF THE
COLLECTIVE MONTESSORI SCHOOL GOVERNANCE BOARD**

February 18, 2026, 4 pm

This is an open meeting. Attend at Video call link:

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1. Call to Order & Notice of Posting

- a. This is a meeting of the **Collective Montessori School Governance Board** in public for the purpose of conducting the School’s business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.
- b. Wisconsin State Statute 19.84(2). The meeting notice was submitted at least 48 hours prior to the meeting start time to the public. Notices have been posted at least 48 hours prior to the start time at the **CMS website, CMS online calendar, CMS Facebook page**.

2. Roll Call

- a. Ensuring Quorum
- b. Ensuring President & Secretary
- c. Attendees: Bob Merar, Bryant Zimmermann, Mindi Eineichner, Dani Merar, Ashley Steurer, Casandra Wipperman, Alyssa Peterson, Katie Hall, Amy Scales, and Nicki Kirk

3. Opportunity for Public Comment

- a. No public comment requested (must be done, in writing, 7 days prior to collectivemontessori@gmail.com)

4. Guest Reports from Students and/or Teachers

- a. Amy Scales (PTSA President) gave update on:
 - i. Book Fair (running February 9th through February 21st)
 1. It was found that coinciding with Bring Someone You Love To School Day helped with bringing in more sales - around \$2400 currently.
 2. With the resignation of Shahree Douglas and Roz Perkins leaving the PTSA there are gaps that need to be filled within the work that is done by the PTSA.
 - ii. A “working” PTSA meeting will be held tomorrow (February 19th) related to the upcoming Fundraising Event in May
 1. The event will be Tropical themed.
 2. A Silent Auction will occur on GiveButter.

- b. Feedback was given on Bring Someone You Love to School Day:
 - i. It was fun, but there was a lot going on at the same time and some loved ones just wanted to spend time in the classrooms with the children rather than watching a presentation or watching the children in a bounce house.
- c. Nicki Kirk (PTSA Interim Vice President) gave update on Resource Fair:
 - i. Of the places contacted - Summit, The Missing Peace Collective, and JK Lee have stated that they will have a table.
 - ii. Other places to be in contact by tomorrow (Thursday February 19th) include: Urban Ecology Center, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, PEAK Initiative, and Fathers Making Progress.

5. Approval Item(s):

- a. Approve Minutes from Last Meeting:
 - [w CMS 1-21-26 Board Meeting Agenda.docx](#)
 - i. **Motion to approve: Bryant Zimmerman, Dani Merar (2nd)**
 - ii. **Approved**
- b. Strategic Planning Meeting
 - i. Saturday February 21st 12:30pm - 2:30pm
 - 1. Planning to discuss as much as possible during this time slot, but may need to have an additional date.
- c. Financial Report(s) -
 - i. Grant
 - 1. DPI large grant
 - a. Due February 26th
 - b. Bob Merar will meet with contact related to the budget piece.
 - 2. Letters of support
 - a. Dani Merar will be reaching out to more people.
 - ii. District Funds
 - 1. Line of Credit: 0 currently
 - 2. Credit Card paid in full each month.
 - iii. Food Service funds
 - 1. Will be purchasing more suitable lunch tables.
 - 2. This money can also be used for the salary of our Food Service Director.

6. School Leader Reports

- a. UWM Dues and Updates
 - i. The incomplete items relate to finance.
 - 1. The items were turned in on time initially, however because it was incorrect it will be considered late.
 - ii. UWM requested that more people work on compliance paperwork and that all of it does not fall on one person (which has all been covered by Ashley Steurer up to this point).
 - 1. Casandra Wipperman will be taking on Board Minutes and related paperwork.
- b. Enrollment Update
 - i. CMS had two new students start today and an additional 1 last week.

- ii. Enrollment for next (2026-2027) school year has started.
 - 1. Flyers have been distributed within a 5 to 10 mile radius and sent with parents/guardians to distribute as well.
 - 2. The majority of current students will be returning next school year.
- c. Building Update
 - i. From a safety and financial standpoint other buildings/locations have been visited – our current lease ends after the 26/27 school year.
 - 1. Option 1: Is a building owned by a current student’s parents
 - a. Off of a main street
 - b. Stripped down to the studs - will not be done by 26/27 school year
 - c. Have a food pantry, barbershop, after-school activities, and other opportunities already at their building
 - d. Parking spaces and green space for recess
 - e. Potential issue with no elevator
 - 2. Option 2: Is a church on a main road
 - a. Would need to be paid for on line of credit.
- d. Ordering supplies:
 - i. We go through a lot of paper products each month
 - 1. Looking for ways to lessen the overuse and get a better per sheet rate on printer paper
 - 2. Monitoring the use of and working on ways to limit paper towel and facial tissue waste

7. Committee Reports

- a. School Safety Committee Updates
 - i. CMS is starting a Community Ambassadors Program:
 - 1. A Sign-Up has been posted in Transparent Classroom.
 - ii. CMS is creating a more organized chain of command for emergent situations related to safety and security.
- b. CMS is creating a Parent Advisory Committee.
 - i. Dani Merar will be working on this.

8. Items up for Possible Vote

- a. None

9. Adjournment

- a. **Motion to adjourn: Dani Merar, Mindi Eineichner (2nd) 5:01pm**

Next Board Meeting – **3/19/26**

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