

CMES Board members Julaine Roffers-Agarwal, Sarah Stocco, and Tyler Bouwens will be holding two information sessions about volunteering for CMES committee work on Monday, November 6 at 5 pm and 7 pm on Zoom. Bring your questions about how to participate! If you are interested but can't join on Monday, please email Julaine, Sarah or Tyler to get more information.

Advancement Committee

Advancement Committee Chair: Tyler Bouwens, Board member and parent
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The Advancement Committee has two primary goals. The first goal is related to communications and engagement for the purpose of raising awareness of Cornerstone Montessori Elementary School within the larger community, while also supporting a fully connected and participatory school community. The second goal is related to development and growth for the purpose of securing grant funds and incorporating community centric fundraising efforts to support the school's mission and vision. Our committee meets monthly for one hour and then has anywhere between one to four hours a month outside of meeting time to do individual work or work in the community. Our committee would be strengthened by individuals with the following skills:

- Dual language speakers
- Individuals interested in engaging parents, community members, etc.
- Extroverts
- Individuals with fundraising and or grant writing experience

Meeting information

The Advancement Committee will be establishing a meeting schedule in the near future with regular meetings through the year.

Equity Committee

Equity Committee Chair: Sarah Stocco, Board Trustee and parent
sarahstocco@cornerstone-elementary.org

The Equity Committee is our most recent standing committee and was developed with the intention of being a place to review the work of the Board with an equity lens. We currently define equity as referring to justice and fairness, acknowledging that all people do not start from the same place and institutions must make adjustments to imbalances. This includes, but is not limited to, considering race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, immigration status, or cultural background. Work on this committee may entail reviewing policies, procedures, and financial decisions; recommending training for Board education; and working with the Head of School to recommend training or programs for staff. We hope to have a diversity of voices on this committee, and it would be strengthened especially by individuals also with the following skills and passions:

- Interpersonal communication
- DEI training or education
- Program or data analysis

Meeting Information

Time and day: evenings, day TBD
Frequency: monthly (more as needed)
Format: Zoom

Finance Committee

Finance Committee Chair: Carolyn Ganz,
CMES Treasurer and Board member

The Finance Committee works with the Head of School, the Administrator, and the contracted finance manager to create the upcoming fiscal year budget; present budget recommendations to the board; monitor implementation of the approved budget on a regular basis and recommend proposed budget revisions; and recommend to the board appropriate policies for the management of the charter school's assets. Skills that would well serve members of the Finance Committee include:

- The ability to interpret financial statements
- Thoughtful communication regarding CMES financial priorities
- An understanding of Minnesota public charter school funding sources and limits

Meeting Information

Time and day: Thursday, 2pm
Frequency: monthly (more as needed)
Format: Zoom

CMES Committee Information session 5 pm
Time: Nov 6, 2023 05:00 PM Central Time
(US and Canada)

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

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Governance Committee

Governance Committee Chair: Julaine Roffers-Agarwal, CMES Board Chair and parent
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The Governance Committee assumes the primary responsibility for matters pertaining to School Board recruitment, nominations, orientation, training, and evaluation in accordance with the bylaws of the school as well as established policies and practices approved by the School Board. The committee reviews and recommends revisions to CMES Board policies to help guide the Head of School and staff during school operation. Governance Committee members find the following skills useful:

- An understanding of best practices for school board governance
- An understanding of US and Minnesota laws that apply to public charter school operations
- Analytical review and writing skills

Meeting Information

Time and day: Tuesday, 6pm
Frequency: monthly (more as needed)
Format: Zoom

CMES Committee Information Session 7 pm
Time: Nov 6, 2023 07:00 PM Central Time
(US and Canada)

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