

August 31, 2006

Dear CCSC parents and guardians,

We wanted to take this moment, at the beginning of the school year, to welcome new and returning families on behalf of the CCSC Board of Trustees. Like all public charter schools, CCSC has a Board of Trustees, a group of citizens who donate their time out of a commitment to ensuring good public education. The Board of Trustees is the body responsible for the governance, the fiscal health and the educational vision of the school. The CCSC board, along with the founding group, Paula Evans, Rob Riordan and Emma Stellman, was instrumental in developing the vision of the new school, submitting the proposal to the Department of Education, and overseeing its opening and first year of operations. While deeply involved in the governance of the school, the Board of Trustees does not manage the day to day operations, including curriculum development, personnel issues, classroom management or discipline, which are the responsibility of the administrative team under Paula Evans. We are very proud to be associated with this exciting new venture as it enters its second year.

Currently, the Board of Trustees has 8 voting members who include:

- Eloise Lawrence, Chair
- Denise Jillson, Vice-Chair
- Robert Mann, Treasurer
- Stephanie Engel, Secretary
- Patricia Craig
- Cameron Edey
- Bakhtiar Mikhak
- Fernanda Viegas

In addition, Paula Evans attends all board meetings *ex officio* but is not a voting member.

The Board of Trustees meets at the school on the fourth Wednesday of every month from 6:30-8:30 PM. All meetings are open to the public and time is set aside in each meeting for public comment. There are a number of committees that are headed by board members, but also include members of the community who are not on the Board of Trustees but are interested in donating their time and skills to help the school. These committees are: fundraising, finance, educational accountability and community outreach. If you are interested in serving on any of these committees, please let us know and we can put you in touch with the chair.

The community outreach committee, which is charged with overseeing recruitment of new students and families and serving as a liaison to current families, and is chaired by Stephanie Engel, is particularly eager to have parents and students participate. The committee meets on the first Monday of each month, 4-6 PM, at the school. Like all meetings of the board or its committees, that meeting is open to the public. If you are interested in joining that committee, please let me, Stephanie, know by calling my office at 617-491-6009 or emailing me at sengel@ccscambridge.org.

We look forward to an exciting year at CCSC and to getting to know all of you.

Best wishes,

Stephanie Engel, chair of the community outreach committee, CCSC Board of Trustees

Eloise Lawrence, chair, CCSC Board of Trustees