MINUTES

Call to Order and Roll Call
The Board of Trustees of the Marin Community College District met at the College of Marin, Kentfield Campus, Administrative Center, Room 108 for a Special Board Meeting (Board Retreat), all members having received notice as prescribed by law. Board President Conti called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

Trustees Conti, Long, O’Brien, Treanor and Kranenburg were present. Student Trustee Bergstrom-Wood arrived at 1:12 p.m. Trustee Dolan arrived at 2:00 p.m. Trustee Namath was not present. Superintendent/President Coon also attended and Vice President Al Harrison joined the meeting for the CEO Report on budget.

M/s (O’Brien/Treanor) to adopt the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comment
Victor Smith, a former student and current part-time biology instructor, addressed the Board with his concerns about the decision to build a new science center with less space, rather than renovating the old building. He commented that we must maintain student success and can only do so if we have adequate space to meet student needs.

Amanda Fuhrman, student, expressed her concerns with the reduction in space and classes related to the science program. She expressed her love of the College and the opportunities it has provided to her and others and encouraged the Board to think about the consequences of reducing space. She would like to see the science program expanded.

Lindsey Sutton spoke on behalf of all second career students. She is pursuing a career in health sciences and wanted the Board to be aware that the prerequisite science classes (chemistry, statistics, physiology, anatomy and microbiology) are often full, often causing delays in student progress. There is a need for additional space and additional classes.

The Board thanked the speakers for their time and comments.

Dr. Coon requested the meeting adjourn in memory of former Trustee Joe Gargiulo, who passed away on May 10 and employee Kate Dodele, who passed away on May 17.
**Board Self-Evaluation**
President Conti shared the results Board of Trustees Self-Evaluation Report 2012 with the Board and a discussion followed with Trustees expressing their ideas on ways to improve in the noted areas.

The Board took a ten-minute recess from 3:14 to 3:24 p.m.

**Board Planning Calendar**
Trustee O’Brien shared planning calendar options with the Board. Board members reviewed the calendars and discussed their ideas about the format and content. Trustees agreed this is an important planning tool and that a calendar should be included in the monthly Board packet. Superintendent/President Coon and Trustee O’Brien will continue working on a proposed calendar.

Trustee O’Brien stated that she and Trustee Long met as the President’s Evaluation Committee earlier in the day to review the evaluation process and develop a timeline for completing the evaluation. The timeline will be forwarded to the members of the Board.

**CEO Report**

a) Accreditation
   Superintendent/President Coon informed the Board that he would send out a detailed communication regarding accreditation next week. The technology plan is complete and the facility and distance education plans are in process.

b) Budget - Guiding Principles
   Vice President, Al Harrison shared 2012/13 budget status with the Trustees. The Board discussed possible options and ideas that might help close the structural gap.

c) Naming Policy
   Superintendent/President Coon discussed the potential for donor opportunities when naming buildings. There will be a fund-raising/dedication event for the Theater. Trustee Treanor agreed to help with this event.

**Legislative Update**
Trustee O’Brien asked the Board for input on items they would like the consultants to focus on. Topics included Redevelopment, 50% law and Basic Aid.

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 4:45 p.m.

Meeting reconvened to Open Session at 5:00 p.m.

**Report of Closed Session May 18, 2012**
There was no report.

**Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m. in memory of Joe Gargiulo and Kate Dodele.**