

Minutes – Approved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
January 10, 2013

Called to Order by Joshua Dome, Board Chair, and Convened at 7:43pm.

Present: Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Mark Galanty, Craig Garner, Jason Haas, Jill Hayashi, Elspeth Paul and Wendy Teeter.

Olivier Taillieu was absent.

A quorum was present.

Also present were Executive Director Stephanie Edwards, Director of Playa Vista Campus Kristy Mack-Fett, faculty members Megan Helms and D’Arcy Geanakos, and Graham Dye of Excellent Education.

Open Forum

Mark Galanty invited all Board members and asked if they wanted any particular issues addressed at the ACG meeting on January 24, 2013 at 6:30pm.

Wendy Teeter arrived at the meeting at 7:47pm.

Megan Helms made several requests on behalf of OCTA, who met on January 9, 2013. Based on the enactment of Proposition 30, OCTA requests that the Board unfreeze salaries and eliminate furlough days in the current 2012-2013 OCS Budget, and submit a list of Alliance-approved Waldorf teacher training programs.

This communication protocol is a change from how OCTA has previously addressed items or provided information to the Board. OCS Administration will respond to OCTA’s request during the Finance and Directors Report, and going forward we will put OCTA requests on the Board agenda.

Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda items for January 10, 2013 are:

- A. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes for December 6, 2012.

MOTION: Mark Galanty moved to approve the Consent Agenda items for December 6, 2012 as amended. Jill Hayashi seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Mark Galanty, Craig Garner, Jason Haas, Jill Hayashi and Wendy Teeter voted in favor. Joshua Dome and Elspeth Paul abstained. Motion passed.

Finance

Graham Dye of Excellent Education reviewed the OCS November 2012 financials. OCS Administration, Wendy Teeter and Graham Dye will meet to determine the impact of the enactment of Proposition 30 on the current OCS 2012-2013 Budget, but we anticipate unfreezing salaries and eliminating furlough days. There will be a public Finance

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Committee meeting prior to the February 2013 Board meeting to review and discuss the proposed OCS 2012-2013 Revised OCS Budget.

To date we have raised \$272,000 for the 2012-2013 OCS Family Giving.

MOTION: Wendy Teeter moved to accept the financial statements and to approve the check registers for November 2012. Joshua Dome seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Mark Galanty, Craig Garner, Jason Haas, Jill Hayashi, Elspeth Paul and Wendy Teeter voted in favor. Motion passed.

Directors Report

Executive Director Stephanie Edwards distributed and presented the OCS Directors Report.

Enrollment: We continue to have strong attendance at Enrollment events on both campuses. Thanks to parent volunteer Christina Ruiz, we will have three parent information evenings presented in Spanish this month.

Lunch Program: OCS may partner with “LunchMaster” to provide a hot lunch program, which parents will be able to order online. Details are still being worked out for prices and start date.

Prop 39 – Playa Vista Campus: We are currently offered Prop 39 space at Playa Vista Elementary for 2013-2014, however, significantly less than what we are using this year. LAUSD is also considering space at Venice High School and other locations. LAUSD will make their preliminary Prop 39 offer to us by February 1, 2013. OCS must respond by March 1, 2013, and make our final acceptance by May 1, 2013.

Mar Vista Site: Marina Christian Fellowship was unable to keep our scheduled January 9, 2013 negotiations meeting regarding the possible acquisition of a portion of the site. Our current lease with the Marina Christian Fellowship expires June 2013. OCS Board members support at least a one-year extension, or, the negotiation of a new lease.

Charter Renewal: The OCS Charter Renewal petition was initially submitted on November 27, 2012. After numerous revisions requested by LAUSD, we submitted our final revisions on January 8, 2013. The Charter School’s Division staff is recommending the renewal of the OCS Charter Petition. LAUSD will vote on our renewal at their January 15, 2013 Board meeting.

Jose Cole-Gutierrez, Director of the Charter School’s Division, and Matt Hill, Chief Strategic Officer, visited our Playa Vista campus classrooms on January 8, 2013.

Jason Haas discussed the proposal to remove Trustee compensation language from the OCS Bylaws based on LAUSD’s comments during OCS Charter Petition review.

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MOTION: Jason Haas moves to delete section V.C.3.c. and X.1. from the Ocean Charter School Bylaws effective January 10, 2013. Joshua Dome seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Mark Galanty, Craig Garner, Jason Haas, Jill Hayashi, Elspeth Paul and Wendy Teeter voted in favor. Motion passed.

Police on Campus: In partnership with LAPD, LAUSD has requested police presence on all LAUSD campuses as a result of the shooting in Newtown, Connecticut. The officers toured OCS campuses and classrooms to familiarize themselves with our school sites.

Alliance Conference: Stephanie Edwards and Kristy Mack-Fett will attend the Alliance Conference over the Martin Luther King weekend. They anticipate returning with a list of Alliance-approved training programs to provide OCTA. While there they will also visit Stonebridge School, a Waldorf-inspired public charter school located in Napa.

Common Core Standards: OCS faculty is working to address areas of the Common Core standards, in particular, technology and math. By 2014, each child is expected to take the state tests on a computer.

Board Composition and Recruitment

Jason Haas proposed a motion to clarify OCS Committees for Charter Renewal.

ACTION ITEM: Lori Andrade will update the OCS Board Committee matrix for the February 2013 Board meeting.

MOTION: Joshua Dome resolves to affirm the active OCS Board Advisory Committees as of January 1, 2013, are: Finance Committee, Audit Subcommittee, and Governance Committee. Craig Garner seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Mark Galanty, Craig Garner, Jason Haas, Jill Hayashi, Elspeth Paul and Wendy Teeter voted in favor. Motion passed.

The Board discussed Board Advisory committees and Board Standing committees.

MOTION: Jason Haas resolves to affirm the active OCS Board Standing Committees as of January 1, 2013, are: Hearing Board. Joshua Dome seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Mark Galanty, Craig Garner, Jason Haas, Jill Hayashi, Elspeth Paul and Wendy Teeter voted in favor. Motion passed.

ACTION ITEM: Lori Andrade will email the Board for quorum for the February 2013 Board meeting.

ACTION ITEM: The Board will have an in depth discussion about the OCS Board composition and Board recruitment at the February 2013 Board meeting.

ACTION ITEM: Prior to the February 2013 Board meeting, Lori Andrade will circulate to the Board a Board skills and expertise matrix previously used for Board recruitment.

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ACTION ITEM: Prior to the February 2013 Board meeting, Board members will submit to Lori Andrade the skills and expertise they offer the OCS Board.

Closed Session - Conference with Real Property Negotiators

The Board convened into Closed Session at 9:30pm pursuant to Brown Act section 54956.8 (Conference with Real Property Negotiators) – Regarding Marina Christian Fellowship and 12606 Culver Blvd. Agency designated representatives: Stephanie Edwards and Kristy Mack-Fett.

Stephanie Edwards and Kristy Mack-Fett were present.

Craig Garner left the meeting at 9:35pm.

The Board reconvened to open session at 9:43pm.

There were no Action Items to report.

Setting of Next Agenda

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:00pm on February 7, 2013.

MOTION: Joshua Dome moved to adjourn the meeting. Lori Andrade seconded the motion. Lori Andrade, Joshua Dome, Mark Galanty, Jason Haas, Jill Hayashi, Elspeth Paul and Wendy Teeter voted in favor. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Lori Andrade, Secretary
OCS Board of Trustees