

Minutes-Unapproved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
May 3, 2018

Called to order by Josh Dome and convened at 6:34pm.

Board members present: Sue Ingles, Edward Eadon, Laura Stoland, Josh Dome and November McIlhargey.

Jason Haas and Mark Galanty were absent.

A quorum was present.

Also present: OCS Executive Director, Stephanie Edwards; OCS Director, Kristy Mack-Fett; Gordon Engstrom and Ayanthy Peiris of Excellent Education; Ron Johnson and Maria Gomez of Red Hook; Dan Wierzba of the OCS Site Task Force; Melodie Metzger, ACG Governor.

Open Forum

There were no speakers for Open Forum.

Dominique Djedje arrived at 6:37pm.

Site

The Board heard a report from Ron Johnson on the status of the Panama site project. The soil at the site is being prepped for excavation of the underground parking. This is following a 33-day delay to identify and remove a small amount of contaminated soil. Final soil tests are being conducted to ensure the site has been properly cleaned before excavation commences, which is expected to be May 7, 2018. The dewatering process will follow excavation and is expected to be complete by the end of July or early August.

The first request for augmentation grant funding has been submitted to LAUSD, according to the agreed timeline. The amount requested is \$16 million.

Discussion of Possible Future Endeavors

Laura and Sue met with community members interested in pursuing a charter Waldorf high school. This working group will continue to meet and report back to the Board about their progress.

The Board discussed the possibilities of supporting an early childhood education program. There are questions about available funding for early childhood programs through the state. Gordon and the administration will research some of the funding options and report back to the Board at a later date.

Finance

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Gordon presented the April 2018 financial statements and check register. He noted that we show a net operating loss of \$51,000, which is \$58,000 below the current budget. This was due in part to an adjustment in total projected enrollment from 522 to 518.

The current forecast shows slightly higher ADA funding than was reported at the last board meeting due to corrections to our P2 attendance reporting.

MOTION: Sue Ingles moved to accept the April 2018 financial statements and check registers. Josh Dome seconded the motion. Edward Eadon, Sue Ingles, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Joshua Dome and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

Annual Family Giving

Laura asked the Board members whether they would be willing to make phone calls to parents who have not yet pledged to our AFG campaign this year. We are behind in pledges from this time last year and direct contact from Board members has shown in the past to be a powerful motivator in soliciting these parent's participation. Laura will work with the administration to gather a list of parents to be contacted and follow-up with Board members.

Diversity and Equity Committee

The D&E Committee has implemented new methods of outreach and engagement with our school community and the surrounding community this year that seemed effective. This included having a D&E Committee member attend our public school tours to answer prospective parents questions. It also served as a way for the Committee to provide feedback to our administrators about how information about the school is presented. The continued focus of the Committee next year will be on recruitment and retention of diverse families.

Appointment of New Board Members

The Board discussed the need to expand the Board by a few additional trustees in the coming years. It is expected that we will have some longtime Board members leaving the Board between now and 2020. An odd number of Board members is preferred to avoid have a tie when Board votes are conducted.

MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to appoint Melodie Metzger to the 2-year ACG Governor Board Seat. Edward Eadon seconded the motion. Edward Eadon, Sue Ingles, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Joshua Dome and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to appoint Dan Wierzba to a 3-year Board Seat. November McIlhargey seconded the motion. Edward Eadon, Sue Ingles, November

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McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Joshua Dome and Laura Stoland voted in favor.
Motion passed.

Strategic Plan

The Board agreed to table the discussion about the strategic plan until the June 2018 Board meeting.

Director's Report

Stephanie Edwards presented the Board with the director's report. The school is participating in the annual CAASPP testing from May 2-16, 2018. During this testing window, grades 3-8 will test in the areas of ELA, Math and Science.

Stephanie also discussed the excessive student absenteeism and tardiness that the school has experienced this year. It highlights the school's need for additional policies and responses to chronic student absences and tardiness in the coming years, including perhaps instituting a Student Attendance Review Board (SARB.)

ACTION ITEM: The Board will discuss potential methods of reducing chronic student absences and tardiness at the June 2018 Board meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the April 12, 2018 Board meeting.

MOTION: Josh Dome moved to approve the minutes from the April 12, 2018 board meeting. Laura Stoland seconded the motion. Edward Eadon, Sue Ingles, November McIlhargey, Dominique DjeDje, Joshua Dome and Laura Stoland voted in favor. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.