

Approved Minutes
Ocean Charter School Governance Committee Meeting
August 22, 2019

Called to order by Jason Haas, Governance Committee Chair and convened at 6:45 pm.

Committee members present: Jason Haas, Stephanie Edwards, Kristy Mack-Fett, Laura Stoland, and Edward Eadon.

Committee members absent: Debbie Tripp and Sue Ingles

Also in attendance: Kim Rowe

Open Forum

There were no comments at Open Forum.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the August 8, 2019 Governance Committee meeting were not yet ready for review and approval, so this item was tabled until a future meeting.

Update on Dress Code

Admin summarized the changes made to the dress code policy in conjunction with the OCS faculty. Part of these changes were expressly instituted on a one-year trial basis and the Administration will revisit the impact of these changes at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

Review of OCS Policies

Education for Homeless Children – This policy was updated and incorporated into the 2020 OCS Handbook.

Attendance and Absences Policy – Additional review of this policy and comments from counsel addressed prior Committee questions regarding this policy. This policy was incorporated into the 2020 OCS Handbook. Medication issues were previously included in this section of policy, but the School will need to develop a separate policy on the administration of medication to students. The School also needs to revisit its policy on Independent Study.

Parent and Engagement Policy – This policy focuses on School engagement with families of students eligible under Title I. The draft policy will require further discussion and input by Administration, the Parent Collective, the Diversity Committee, and Title I families.

Admin Structure

This topic was tabled until a future meeting.

WASC (Western Accreditation of Schools and Colleges) Self-Study

The WASC accreditation process requires obtaining input from various stakeholders. As part of this process, admin will be conducting a survey of OCS parents and a survey of OCS middle school students. The Committee also discussed draft responses by Edward Eadon for the WASC sections addressed to the OCS Board and provided input to Mr. Eadon on those responses for further revisions.

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OCS Strategic Plan

The Committee received an update on efforts to revise the strategic plan and offered additional comments on the current draft. Further edits may be made to the working draft on the Google docs site for the OCS strategic plan.

Teacher Communication

Kim Rowe raised a question regarding the School's policies for communications between parents and their children's teachers and whether, and under what circumstances, email communication should be permitted. The Committee agreed that further consideration should be given to creating a narrow exception to the existing policy on such communications to allow brief, time-sensitive communications to be provided by parents without overburdening OCS teachers.

Ms. Edwards left the meeting at 8:35.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Jason Haas, Governance Committee Chair