

Minutes—approved
Ocean Charter School Governance Committee Meeting
April 27, 2023

Called to order by Ed Eadon and convened at 5:32pm.

Present: Ed Eadon; Sue Ingles; Stephanie Edwards; Rebecca Peabody

Absent: Debbie Tripp; Joshua Stokes; Tammy Stanton. A quorum was present.

Other Attendees: Kristy Mack-Fett

Open Forum

There were no items for discussion.

Agenda Modification. Kristy requested the committee to reorder the items on the agenda to allow her participation since she had to depart early. Ed moved for the committee to switch items 1&2 with items 7&8. Stephanie seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Review and discuss approval of Staff/Student Interaction policy: Stephanie outlined how a conversation with our lawyers led to a significant revision to this policy. While working with YMC, Stephanie emphasized the need to add some flexibility in the wording due to OCS's Waldorf nature where hugs are common and early grades students sit in the lap of teachers during storytime. Ed moved that we recommend approval of this policy by the Board, Stephanie seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Discussion of WASC Schoolwide Action Plan aligned with LCAP: This will require a significant effort. Ed recommended that we merge the LCAP and WASC efforts especially with Stephanie's impending departure. Stephanie indicated that work with our teachers is needed to own this planning. The Governance Committee will need to roll up their sleeves and plan on working on this as well.

Review and approval of minutes: The committee reviewed the minutes from the meeting of March 23, 2023, Governance Committee. Sue moved to approve the minutes with the addition of Tammy Stanton as absent from the meeting. Rebecca seconded the motion and the minutes were approved unanimously.

Discussion of annual review of OCS ByLaws and updating process: Stephanie sent the edited version of our ByLaws to YMC (Kimberly) for review and recommended changes. Ed moved to present our updates along with YMC's recommendations to the Board for their approval. Stephanie seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Discussion of Alliance for Public Waldorf Education Self-Study and the Core Principles of Waldorf Education: We discussed the delay of this discussion at the last Board meeting and the need to keep this present in the minds of the Board and faculty. Sue has materials and will present core principle #2 at the next Board meeting. Our discussion included ways to review all 7 principles at the Board every year along with how we might bring in Waldorf related expert speakers for the education and inspiration of the parent body.

Discussion of Board Continuity Reference actions: Ed raised the issue of having a Board Google Drive that is available to all Board members and not tied to any one account (since members may come and go). Additionally, we need OCS to put in place a system to ensure the links to the latest documents are always automatically updated on this drive so that the Board Continuity Reference will always be current. We will review the glossary at our next meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Minutes prepared by Ed Eadon and edited by Stephanie Edwards