

Minutes-Approved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
May 4, 2023

Board Members Present: Dominique DjeDje, Sue Ingles, Laura Stoland, Jennifer Jacobus, and Ed Eadon

Absent: Tammy Stanton, Dan Wierzba

A quorum was present.

Also present: OCS Executive Director, Stephanie Edwards; OCS Executive Director, Kristy Mack Fett; and from Excellent Education, Ayanthy Peiris.

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

Open Forum

Students from the Leadership elective class presented a report on activities for Pride month, including a Pride Festival and an informative slide show.

Mark Galanty arrived at 6:03pm

New Parent Collective representatives for 2023-2024 were announced: Holden Munson (Community/classroom rep), Drew Schwartz (Festivals & celebrations) and Amy Cottle (Community building).

Finance

Ayanthy presented the March 2023 financial report. Average daily attendance rate as of month 8 was below budget at 93%. Operating Net Income has increased by \$39K since the last forecast, mostly due to decreased salaries and benefits expenses and increased fundraising revenue. Operating cash is projected to be \$1.2M at the end of FY23 representing a 17% reserve. The facility related restricted cash balance at the end of March is \$364K.

MOTION: Sue Ingles moved to approve the March 2023 Financial report and check register. Laura Stoland seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The board reviewed the 2021 990 tax return.

MOTION: Mark Galanty moved to approve the 2021 990 tax return. Jennifer Jacobus seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

The board discussed the current draft of the 23-24 budget. The Finance committee will present an updated version at the June board meeting.

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Governance Committee

Self-study of Core Principles of Waldorf education. Sue led a discussion of Core Principle #2: Child Development in Public Waldorf Education.
Review of Staff/Student Interaction Policy. The board reviewed the new Professional Boundaries Policy.

MOTION: Ed Eadon moved to approve the Professional Boundaries Policy. Dominique Djedje seconded and all were in favor. The motion passed.

OCS By-Laws were sent back to the Governance committee for minor revisions.

Student Data Review

Directors reported that internal assessment was completed using the NWEA (Northwest Education Association) system for the first time with our students. Reports were sent out to parents. Teachers and admin are still learning how to administer and use the tests efficiently and effectively to support student performance and inform instruction.

Director's Report

The board reviewed the updated "Summary of School" section of the LAUSD Annual Performance-Based.

Oversight Visit Revised Report. Ocean Charter School was identified as a 2022 Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) school, per CDE requirements, based on indicators in the statewide accountability system for absenteeism rate among Asian American students. An ATSI plan will be developed and approved no later than the first day of the 2023-24 school year.

The directors reported on preparations for CAASPP testing, which will begin next week. The directors also reported on the joyous Spring Faire and the OCS Gala at the Roxy, which netted over \$50K.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from March 2, March 7, March 30, and April 13, 2023 meetings were reviewed.

MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to approve Board meeting minutes from March 2, March 7, and April 13, 2023. Ed Eadon seconded and all were in favor.

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MOTION: Laura Stoland moved to approve Board meeting minutes from March 30, 2023. Mark Galanty seconded. and all were in favor. Ed Eadon abstained; all others were in favor. All of the minutes were approved.

Update on Hiring Process

Kristy reported that there are 2 external and 4 internal candidates for the admin position to be created subsequent to the departure of executive director Stephanie Edwards.

Convene to Closed Session

The board convened to closed session at 7:53

The board returned to open session at 8:43. There was nothing to report out.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44

Sue Ingles
Secretary, OCS Board of Trustees