

Minutes Approved

Ocean Charter School Governance Committee Meeting

April 25, 2024

Ocean Charter School Campus – Rose Room #133

Called to order by Ed Eadon, Governance Committee Chair and convened at 5:30pm.

Members Present: Edward Eadon; Sue Ingles; Megan Helms, Joshua Stokes, Kristy Mack-Fett

Visitor: Moet Thelian

A quorum was present. All members were in attendance.

Open Forum: Moet was welcomed and asked if she wanted to speak. She said she came because she saw the item concerning the nut policy. Since this was agendaized, Ed moved that we change the order of items so that we could address that one as our third item of business. Kristy seconded and all members voted in favor.

Discussion of nut policy on campus: Kristy and Megan presented a thorough review of the current nut policy which has annual trainings on symptoms and use of epipens, notification of families of a class member with anaphylactic reactions, and decisions to make particular classrooms nut free. The discussion centered around consideration of becoming a nut free campus based on a threshold administration establishes regarding the number of classes that have this sensitivity (since classes often interact with each other). (Currently 13/21 classes are currently nut free). The committee agreed with their plans.

At the conclusion of this discussion, Moet asked to also hear the discussion on policy concerning children of employees on campus. Since this was agendaized later, Ed moved that we change the order of items so that we could address that one as our fourth item. Megan seconded and all members voted in favor.

Discussion and possible recommendation to the Board of adoption of policy regarding children of employees on campus who are not OCS students

Kristy outlined the issue: we are a family friendly campus, there is a teacher shortage, but caring for babies on campus (without a childcare center) can be disruptive. She distributed two possible approaches to a policy: one from Charter Safe and the other from YMC. We discussed potential for nearby child care centers, including home based options. Plan to bring a policy to the Board for approval before the beginning of the next school year.

Review and possible approval of Feb 15, 2023 Governance Committee meeting

minutes: Josh moved to approve these minutes, Kristy seconded and the minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.

Review of WASC mid-cycle review: Megan and Kristy were quite pleased with the outcome of the mid-cycle review. Excellent work, but they assess that there are far too many goals. Megan's work will inform the development of the LCAP.

Discussion of NAIS resource and training materials: Kristy commented that these materials are not always completely useful since we are not a fully independent school. Rather, we should use them judiciously and modify them as appropriate.

LCAP initial draft plan review: Kristy presented the goals and CDE school dashboard. We discussed the recurring issue concerning increasing diversity, including enrollment preferences. LCAP will come to the Board in May and back for final approval in June.

Volunteer Handbook discussion: Admin will be updating a 2018-19 guide.

Core Principles & Waldorf Moments--next steps: Sue and Ed raised the fact that we needed to revise our approach to the "Waldorf Moment" at Board meetings. Ed related how studies of Steiner's writings were done at Maple Village. We agreed to bring this option to the Board.

Alliance [for Public Waldorf Education] Steps for Full Membership: The bump in the road for full membership is the requirement for Waldorf formally trained teachers. Very few Alliance schools have full membership due to this requirement.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25pm