



Site Visit Report  
Ocean Charter School  
February 24-28, 2025 and March 3-7, 2025

I enjoyed observing full Morning Lessons and core subject lessons with each of the 10 teachers that I am working with. During each teacher's feedback session, we reviewed planning documents, went over standards and expectations, and worked together to meet challenges that students present in their learning needs.

In addition, I looked at the teacher-made materials such as their main lesson books, and mental math problems or worksheets. Teachers asked me to review the math programs being used in the lower grades. I felt that they are good guides for teaching and that in many ways, Waldorf is more advanced in math thinking. This led to conversations about Math-focused Main Lessons and how to maintain the innate challenge in Waldorf Math Methods.

In our on-going mentorship we will continue to focus on Waldorf Teaching Methodology and meeting the Common Core Standards. I developed guides for focusing on each of the ELA standards for grades 1-5. These guides clearly show how a teacher assesses achievement levels in each skill. They also contain referral to the exact pages in the Gradalis Curriculum Frameworks and the Common Core Standards that address the teaching of these skills. Each teacher has these guides, and we will continue to work with them.

I'm developing the guides for Waldorf Math/standards and writing pacing plans for teaching in each of the grades. These should be ready in time for the Summer Ocean Charter School Institute and can be distributed to teachers whose schools are working with the Gradalis Curriculum Frameworks.

Each teacher received a written report of my observation and suggestions for goals and focus for on-going mentor work. I gave copies of these to Kristy Mack-Fett, as these are good tools for in-house mentoring.

Finally, I would like to say that YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL SCHOOL! The children appear happy healthy and energetic. I am always greeted with smiles and openness and there is a feeling of contentment that pervades everything. Yes, I know you have the normal day-to-day challenges, but I visit many schools and Ocean Charter is Exemplary! Keep up what you are doing.

I hope to be able to do a little adult education in return trips and I remain open to on-going work with Ocean Charter School.

In gratitude,  
Bonnie River