Governance Committee Meeting Minutes 3-19-26

Ocean Charter School Governance Committee Meeting
March 19, 2026
Ocean Charter School Campus – Rose Room #133

Called to order by Joshua Stokes, Governance Committee Chair and convened at 5:40 p.m.

Members Present: Megan Helms, Joshua Stokes, Sue Ingles, and Kristy Mack-Fett

Open Forum

- There was a comment about referring to the Board a suggestion that OCS not refer to March 31 as Cesar Chavez Day but something else.

Regular Session

- Review and possible approval of the January meeting minutes.
    - Sue moves. Kristy seconds. Unanimous.
- Discussion of OCS Dress Code Policy.
    - The Committee discussed that changing trends in dress have required additional clarity on the dress code.
    - The Committee discussed seeking input from the relevant stakeholders, including parents, teachers, and students.
    - The Committee discussed a brief, succinct statement of why the school has a dress code.
    - The Committee discussed some general ideas for a dress code that could be presented for input from the community:
        - Solid colors, no patterns
        - Shirts have sleeves, shirts extend past the top of the pants without being held or stretched.
        - No visible undergarments.
        - Shorts go to the end of your fingertips.
        - Leggings and jeans are ok.
        - No pajamas except on pajama day.
        - Shoes
            - Just athletic shoes
            - No light ups or wheels
        - OCS branded attire
        - Backpacks
            - Solid colors, no keychains, or other ornaments.

        - Sports teams – shorts and shirts meet the same criteria for practice and games.
    - The Committee discussed drafting a proposal and then having a community meeting to get advisory input from the community toward whatever policy the board and administration pass.

- Discussion of the Conflict of Interest Policy.
    - The committee discussed feedback from LAUSD directing the school to remove category 3 from all reporting positions and add 4 to the Business Manager.
    - Megan moves to send to the board, Kristy seconds, unanimous

- Discussion of vetting vendors and vetting contracts.
    - This issue goes to the LAUSD requirement to vet whether vendors provide services to ICE.
    - Admin will use reasonable efforts to vet vendors for ties to ICE.

- Discussion and review of WASC
    - The school is up for WASC accreditation renewal in the 2026-27 year.
    - Kristy will inform the Board at the next meeting.
- Discussion of Board Continuity Drive – the drive should include:
    - Charter Petition
    - Bylaws
    - Articles of Incorporation
    - Fiscal polices and procedures
    - COI Code and Policy
    - Employee handbook
    - Parent handbook
    - Comprehensive School Safety Plan
    - Union Contract
    - Acronym List
    - Principles of Public Waldorf Education

- Tammy's documents
- Brown Act Training – Check with YMC for current powerpoint

Meeting adjourned 7:04 p.m.