



Minutes – Approved
Ocean Charter School Board Meeting
February 5, 2009

Ocean Charter School
12606 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles 90066

Called to Order 7:09 pm by Dean Kubani, Board Chairman

Present: Su Addison, Bobbie Albanese, Lori Andrade, Karen Bernstein, Kami Cotler, Stephanie Edwards, Jason Haas, Tamar Kern, Liz Koravos, Dean Kubani, Kristy Mack-Fett, Fran Montano, Nile Park and Joan Wicks.

Jami Gazzaniga and Wendy Teeter were absent.

A quorum was present.

Open Forum

Jason Haas provided his new contact information.

Approval of Prior Board Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Lori Andrade moved to approve the Board Meeting minutes from January 8, 2009 as amended. Dean Kubani seconded the motion. Su Addison, Lori Andrade, Kami Cotler, Jason Haas, Liz Koravos, Dean Kubani, and Fran Montano voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

Directors' Report

Directors Karen Bernstein and Stephanie Edwards and Assistant Principal Kristy Mack-Fett reviewed the Directors' Report. The Administration proposed to hire a crossing guard to direct traffic and cross students in the mornings at the North campus. The Administration will employ a consultant to assess and provide quotes for the North and South campus' growing technology needs. OCTA faculty assessments are almost complete for the March 15th deadline. The Board discussed the 7th grade's dinner-theatre play, which will be a fundraiser for their class field trip.

ACTION ITEM: The Board will review the OCS Fiscal Policies and Procedures regarding Board approval of individual budget line items at the March 2009 meeting.

MOTION: Kami Cotler moved to authorize the OCS Directors to hire a part-time crossing guard for the North campus. Su Addison seconded the motion. Su Addison,



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Bobbie Albanese, Lori Andrade, Kami Cotler, Jason Haas, Liz Koravos, Dean Kubani, Fran Montano, and Nile Park voted in favor. None opposed. Motion passed.

Joan Wicks arrived at 7:29pm.

OCS has received LAUSD's Prop 39 offer for the 2009-2010 school year. The Directors and Site Committee are evaluating the offer and will prepare a response to LAUSD, and continue to work with LAUSD staff to ensure adequate space for OCS for future years.

Enrollment Update

Administrative Assistant Debbie Tripp reported on the scheduled Enrollment events and timelines for the 2009-2010 school year.

Finance

John Vargas of Excellent Education reviewed the December 2008 Financials and Check Register. They are now using an outside contractor for our payroll processing. Tamar Kern inquired about the status of STRS deposits for faculty. There is a continuing issue of inaccurate reporting for charter schools by LACOE.

ACTION ITEM: John Vargas will provide an update on STRS at the March meeting.

MOTION: Liz Koravos moved to accept the December 2008 financials and check register. Lori Andrade seconded the motion. Su Addison, Lori Andrade, Kami Cotler, Jason Haas, Liz Koravos, Dean Kubani, Fran Montano, and Joan Wicks voted in favor. Nile Park abstained. Bobbie Albanese opposed. Motion passed.

School Accountability Report Card

The Board reviewed the 2007-2008 School Accountability Report Card for OCS. This report is required by state law to be published annually and contains information about the condition and performance of each California public school.

MOTION: Dean Kubani moved to approve the 2007-2008 School Accountability Report Card for OCS. Liz Koravos seconded the motion. Su Addison, Bobbie Albanese, Lori Andrade, Kami Cotler, Jason Haas, Liz Koravos, Dean Kubani, Fran Montano, Nile Park and Joan Wicks voted in favor. Motion passed.

Atlantis Aftercare Contract



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The Board reviewed the Atlantis Aftercare contract for 2008-2009. Atlantis will make a certain number of spots, equal to 10% of total enrollment, available for low-income applicants, and is currently offering discounted rates to four families. The Administration was asked to survey current participants and the OCS community to gauge their satisfaction with the program.

MOTION: Liz Koravos moved to approve the Atlantis Aftercare contract for the 2008-2009 school-year. Jason Haas seconded the motion. Su Addison, Bobbie Albanese, Lori Andrade, Kami Cotler, Jason Haas, Liz Koravos, Dean Kubani, Fran Montano, and Nile Park voted in favor. Joan Wicks abstained. Motion passed.

Class Size Committee Update

The Class Size Committee presented their analysis of various scenarios proposed. Director Stephanie Edwards reviewed a scenario that proposes reconfiguring the Kindergarten program to have morning and afternoon classes. The Board discussed whether OCS was ready to consider expanding enrollment given our current site needs, but agreed that class size and site should be researched simultaneously. Charlie Francis and Fran Montano of the Finance Committee will research costs associated with each scenario and present their recommendation at the next Board meeting.

Director Evaluations

The Board discussed the process for OCS Director evaluations based on the Directors Deliverables, and selected Kami Cotler, Nile Park and Wendy Teeter to coordinate the process. Tamar Kern offered to coordinate the faculty surveys.

Donor Development

Su Addison stated that Donor Development would meet next week and have a more detailed update at the next Board meeting. They are discussing a new strategy for the “Art is Smart” event, as the art community has been greatly affected by the state of the economy.

Academic Achievement Strategic Plan

The OCS Administration reported on the High School Night event, where OCS alumni visited to share their experience with current OCS upper loop students and parents. Overall, graduates felt prepared for high school and emphasized supportive relationships and critical thinking as necessary to overcome new challenges.



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Site Task Force Update

The Board discussed pursuing private sites versus building on a LAUSD site, and potential site funding for charter schools. Jefferson Schierbeek stated that the Site task force would have a more detailed report at the next Board meeting.

Policy Committee Update

Members of the Policy committee received the Charter School Development Center's "Charter Schools Governing Policies Handbook", which includes policies such as Board governance, Safety, and Student Policy.

Setting of Next Agenda

The Board reviewed agenda items for the next Board meeting on March 5, 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Lori Andrade, Secretary
OCS Board of Trustees