

OGCS Board Meeting

March 12, 2008

Call to Order - Board meeting was called order at 6:15pm by Becky Cote.

Pledge of Allegiance - Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call - Mary Ann Shapiro, acting secretary, took roll. There are twenty-nine members on the school board. There were 12 members present at the beginning of the meeting, which was not the necessary quorum to vote on the Action Items. However, other members were expected to arrive late, so the board decided to move to approve the Agenda and went directly to the Discussion Items.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Discussion items

New board members were welcomed by Becky. She asked Mary Ann Shapiro to review the progress on the Committees.

- **Graduation committee** - The graduation date and time has been set for Friday, May 23rd, at 3 o'clock pm. The ceremony will take place at the Boulder Creek Resource center, which has an outdoor amphitheater. Arrangements have been made for the high school graduates to purchase their caps and gowns over the internet. An email was sent to the parents with the information for graduation.
- **Volunteer Coordination for STAR testing** - Mary Ann is coordinating the volunteers for the different test sites. Becky asked if any board member would like to make a donation to help purchase snacks for the different test sites. Rosa Meyers agreed to make a donation. The Board was very appreciative.
- **Fundraising** - Mary Ann explained to the board the eScrip fundraising program in which Ocean Grove Charter School is participating. The program provides a percentage return on purchases made through registered credit cards and merchants. Mary Ann will send an email to the board explaining how each of them could register to participate in the program. Mindy Ebarra, a board member, offered the information that you could register to support up to three organizations in eScrip. Becky asked for volunteers to participate on the Fundraising Committee. Sue Sutherland volunteered for the committee. Becky thanked her.
- **WASC Accreditation** -Debbie Schatmeier and Nancy Garbini renewed their willingness to serve on this committee. Barbara Lincoln asked if the school was accredited. Becky explained that the school is fully accredited, with that accreditation lasting another two years. The WASC committee will start its real work next year when the school will begin preparation for the next WASC visitation in the 2010 school year.

There was no other specific committee discussion necessary at this time.

Hearing of the Public

Becky asked if there were any issues or questions that anyone present wished to bring forward for discussion.

1 - Donette Mills asked if the school was short of ESs. Janet Marsh responded that, while OGCS was always looking for new ESs, there was no shortage at this time. All newly enrolling students had been

assigned to ESs and some ESs still had room on their lists for students. Donette said she was under the impression that certain ESs, with whom she felt there were problems, had been retained because there were not enough ESs for the students enrolled. Janet stated that individual personnel issues could not be discussed in this public forum. Any issues parents had with an ES should be addressed in a phone call or email to Janet, which she was more than happy to discuss privately with the individuals involved.

2 - Robin Bayer asked for a copy of the by-laws. Becky promised that a copy of the by-laws would be sent to all board members

3 - Robin Bayer had two questions about the Finance Committee. She had not received a copy of the Financial statement or a pdf of the Budget Cash flow report. How could she vote on the financial action items if she had not seen the reports? Becky explained that, since there had been no quorum present at the last two board meetings, the Finance Committee had reviewed the two reports and found them acceptable. Robin asked who was on the Finance Committee. Philip Mills is presently the only member of the Finance Committee. Michelle Price, Barbara Lincoln, and Mary Anderson all volunteered to serve in the finance committee. Michele Price asked for a copy of the Financial Statement, stating that she would refrain from voting on the financial statement until she had seen the report.

4 - Barbara Lincoln asked again when the computer available for student purchase would be upgraded. Janet said the list is being upgraded continually, as information is available.

5 - Robin Bayer asked which committee would address the recommendations of vendors. Becky explained that no committee took care of this. Vendor recommendations came from ESs after parents requested them. John Wilberger repeated this information. Robin thought a committee could help choose some vendors who may be a better choice for the school. Janet invited any of the board members to send emails with new vendor names to the office at any time. The process would then be started to approve this vendor.

Action Items

During the previous discussions, more board members had arrived and there was now a quorum of seventeen board members present. The board decided to vote on the Action Items. Shari Calderon moved to vote on the Action Items. Barbara Lincoln seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed unanimously.

Shari Calderon moved that we vote on the Consent Agenda as a whole. Barbara Lincoln seconded the motion. The vote was taken, with 15 yeas and 2 abstentions. The motion was carried.

Adjourn

Becky expressed the gratitude of the directors of the school to those who attended the meeting. She apologized for any confusion during the meeting, and asked that any board member with questions email her at bcote@ieminc.org. She will send out Board by-laws to all the members. She asked if there were any further questions. There were none. The next meeting will be May 14, 2008.

She asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Debbie Baker moved that the meeting be adjourned. Lisa Gullman seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm.

These minutes submitted by Mary Ann Shapiro
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