

**Our Community School**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**May 21, 2009**

In attendance: Scott Miller, Carolina Goodman, Susan Friedman, Bill Maxwell, John Foley, Katherine Geeslin, Jana Harper (via conference call)

Non-voting members: Chris Ferris

5:40 – Meeting called to order; there were no community speakers.

Minutes were approved as corrected. Scott moved; Jana seconded; unanimous approval.

Add items to agenda. Carolina moved; Bill seconded; unanimous approval.

- Accept policies recommended by ExEd (see handout) with the following exceptions: Scott moved; Jana seconded; unanimous approval.
  - strike gift-receiving policy re: trust, property
  - add to the conflict-of-interest policy, “I have no connections to the school, other than those disclosed at this time.”
- Finance committee recommendation to open savings account so that parents can automatically contribute to the school. Scott moved; /John seconded; unanimous approval. Katherine will report the details of the account.

Facilities Committee Report (see handout)

- Devonshire site
  - LAUSD will review needs for a year (CEQA); need a year to remodel.
  - OCS will know by June or July whether OCS will be the recipient (LAUSD board approval in July or August).
- Valley Green Team wants OCS to be a showcase; may be able to eliminate the CEQA review; may be able to help us with political connections; help us find funding.
- Cortines may be waiting for new board members to be seated.
- Need facilities people on the board. Would someone from the Valley Green Team consider being on the board? Everyone knows a real estate person! Scott and Chris attended another Annenberg meeting, which made it clear we need expertise on the board. This is an absolute priority.
- OCS turned down Prop 39 portables. We did not have the funds to install them. Bill wrote response letter. CCSA contacted us to ask us if we would be willing to participate in a law suit. We wouldn't want to join if it would jeopardize our chances for the Devonshire site. We are considering whether or not submit a dispute resolution. If it turns into a fight, we need to seek other facilities or remodel this campus. We won't be able to do any of this without money. A Facilities Task Force is needed in addition to an Advisory Board.
- Bill and Jana are working on a business plan for our facilities project.

- Bill will send board members his “elevator speech” for site plan.
- Approve our lease for next year – Scott moved; Bill seconded; unanimous approval. We are paying \$1.40/square foot now. We had been paying an increase of 2% each year. The church will waive the 2% for next year. Kitty and Mark Youngs will help design the additional room for Robin Greene’s classroom.

#### Task Force for Growth

- Susan volunteered to organize this group.
- Timelines and plans need to be established.

#### Administrative shifts

- Chris will be on campus more; Beth and Alma will attend more off-campus meetings for Chris.
- Alma’s title will be Director of Operations and receive a commensurate salary, which will be 2% more. Create this new position. Jana moved; John seconded; unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carolina Goodman, Secretary  
Our Community School Board of Directors