

OCS Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 9, 2007

Board Members Present: Scott Miller, Chris Ferris, Ken Rickerman, Louis Pugliese, Jose Parada, Kellie Jackson, Joel Levitt, & Jude Stablier

Board Members Not Present: Carolina Goodman & Kim Goldstein

Others Present: Alma Hernandez, Allen Gewertz, Beth Wolfsbauer & Mark Youngs

1. Called to order: by Louis Pugliese @ 6:37 PM

2. Reading/Approval of Minutes (01/15/2007):

All present review minutes, point our minor changes/typos. Louis makes motion to approve, Scott seconds, all in favor.

3. Community Speakers:

Kelly Jackson (Co-chair) reviews community member speaking process. Mark Youngs (parent) requests procedures in writing. Ken reads letter submitted by OCS parents regarding Cell Tower on campus. Petition attached with 107 signatures.

4. Principal's Report:

Chris shares meeting regarding Special Education for the coming 2007-2008 school year, attended meeting with Trudy and Carolina. District gives charter schools monies for Sp Ed.

Three Possibilities (models):

- 1.) What we currently have in place. Charters get AB602 monies less "fair share contribution". We then can pick our own service providers including resource teacher.
- 2.) The district retains AB602 funding. District provides staff and services, encumber liability, and maybe we can be used as a pilot school/model for other school. Our current resource teacher would have apply for the position and remain here.
- 3.) MOU – Charter contributes fair share of encroachment with cap as Model #1 plus district provides additional support per MOU.

Chris recommends Model #2 to the board and requests that board give her the go ahead to initiate this process with LAUSD.

Scott motions to accept Model # 2 along with a statement of intent, including the fact that we want a voice in the hiring of the staff member that will be assigned to this position. Ken seconds, all in favor.

5. Truancy Policy:

Chris reports that we have high absenteeism. Letters went out in November informing parents of the fact that their children have missed a significant amount of time. A second round of letters have gone out to families whose children have missed 20 days of school or more. This letter sited educational codes and warned families that they may be reported to a LAUSD TRUANCY BOARD.

DISCUSSION TABLED UNTIL FUTURE MEETING.

6. New Copy Machine:

Alma reports on the proposal for the new copy machine. See her hand-out. We get a better machine and pay less each month. Scott moves to accept the proposal; Louis seconds, all in favor.

7. ADOPTION OF BYLAWS & other policies:

Kellie presents new and revised bylaws, discussion ensues, Chris questions the title of Advisory Committees vs. Community Committees. Also Spectrum, Middleton, Minnie, and Young are not listed as our attorneys. Given that we can amend bylaws, Louis moves to accept the bylaws as they are, Ken seconds, all in favor.

- Adoption of an accounting year... tabled
- Principal Office location for non-profit...tabled
- Appointment of "president of the corporation"...tabled
- Authorization to file tax exemption...

Adopt resolutions authorizing the conducting of affairs that pertain to this agenda. Joel will create. Louis moves to have Chris file tax exemption, Kelly seconds, all in favor.

- Authorization for Chris Ferris to enter into contracts...

Discussion about how much money Chris can contract with vendors w/o Board permission. Louis moves to have Chris or principal to have the authority to sign contracts that are congruent with the bylaws that are parallel to the current budget, Jose seconds, no vote.

Chris/Principal has permission enter into contracts of any amount that will be supported within the budget, but must apprise the board of any budget overages in the excess of \$5000. No vote.

Chris moves to adopt the fiscal policies in CSMC Binder and ask the Finance Committee (FC) to revisit the language written in the contract section and have the FC give a report to the board so that we can file the non-profit status, Louis seconds, all in favor.

- Authorization for retention of SMY&M for counsel...tabled
- Adoption of an accounting method...tabled
- Acknowledgement/set up bank accounts...tabled

8. Committee Reports:

Development Committee: Annual Fund options. Kim Goldstein brought in sample of how Chime Charter conducts fund raising. Harold Kanz will help create a calendar to schedule fundraisers.

Finance Committee: Beth and Staci are working on new pay-scale. Ken and Staci are working on a new budget for 2007/2008. Chris spoke with Sandro about the actuals vs the budget. Alma feels that things aren't matching up. Sandro is to have info for Chris soon. Ken says they are looking at enrollment and ADA funding issues for next year, too. Looks like we will have \$200,000 surplus, we owe CSMC \$140,000.00, which is included in the projected surplus.

Kellie reports on back office providers. Balley Business Management finally responded to her....after 2 phone calls and an email (1 month to respond). Delta was another company. They were responsive, but would charge around the same as Ex-Ed, but they are in Northern CA. Ed Tech seemed to grow too fast too quickly and they have some clients who are dissatisfied. Kelly will give more details to the Finance Committee.

Governance Committee: Scott reports we will be looking for 3 new parent members. First goal was to get a letter together informing the parent body that 3 positions are coming available. Letter passed out to Board. He also reported on an outline for a Board Member Manual. He will email the Board with requests around this document. Chris says that they spoke of getting the applications from candidates, interview them, answer their questions, and would ultimately make a recommendation to the Board. If there are more interested parents than positions, they will be directed to the committees. Louis suggests that the Community Governance Committee sign this letter.

Facility Committee: Ken reports that they are working on items for lease negotiation: Church group, Renacer, on the school property, don't sign it, ignore us despite the School's attempt to work with Kevyn and the Church. Church communication is poor. Cell tower is a big issue. Parents are petitioning. School can't be on either side of this issue, but we can't stop the parents. Louis will be contacting the church board asking for a meeting. Ken expresses how the parents play a big part in this, because they will leave and we will be financially ruined. The church will have to decide whether they want T Mobile's money or the revenues from OCS. The time line is to meet with the church informally next week and then again after 3/21/07.

9. Evaluation of meeting:

Scott compliments Louis on a great job of facilitating the meeting. Ken says that the committees seem to really be working as this meeting was full of committee reports.

ADJOURN

Joel moves to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm, Kelly seconds, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM

Next OCS Board meeting is scheduled for, Saturday, May 5th at 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Jose Parada, Secretary