

OCC Meeting Minutes February 13, 2020

Attendance:

Andrea Egan (Chair)

Kevin Kurzendoerfer (Treasurer)

Scott Dafflitto (Secretary)

Catherine Depret (Fundraising Chair)

Catrin Morris (Calendar & Community Chair)

Francisco Serrano (Classroom Parent Chair)

Jessica D'Amico (Information & Process Chair)

Mark Bromley (Fundraising Strategy)

Monique Worrell (At Large - Community Events)

Claudia Aguilar (At Large - Community Events)

Hilary Benson (At Large)

Jaime Solano (Teacher)

Lara Ilao

Call to Order & Welcome - 6:17pm (no quorum)

Opening & Campus Word (Chair and Principal Cruz)

- Call to order at 6:17pm
- On behalf of the Principal, the Chair shared that OA received a Department of Education blue ribbon school nomination. Awards will be announced in the fall. We are very proud of our school's accomplishments and blue ribbon nomination, and we will celebrate with this year's auction theme, "blue."
- The LSAT just held its closed budget session, and the Principal believes DCPS has been responsive to OA's growing enrollment. The Principal, LSAT members, and OCC Chair recently met with DCPS for a building tour, and with creative solutions OA may have the space and resources necessary for next year.

Approval of Minutes from Past Board Meeting (Secretary)

- Lacking quorum, a vote on January's minutes was not taken.

Treasurer's Financial Report (Treasurer)

- The OCC is approximately \$50,000 under-budget, but most major expenses have been paid. So, the OCC needs to have strong results from the auction and the remaining fundraisers to make up the approximately \$125,000 needed for the rest of the school year.
- The Board discussed the best way to approach the fundraising asks related to the grade-level parties, focusing on how to more strategically and proactively disseminate invites and make the financial requests.

Letters of Communication

- A Ross parent contacted the Chair about a potential proposal that the feeder pattern for OA would be changed to Dunar instead of Wilson. The Chair connected the parent to LSAT, and she confirmed that the OA feeder pattern remains the same.

Event Review

- Winter sports season finished on a high note.
- Parent-Teacher conferences went well, and the teachers appreciated the staff luncheon.

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Discussion

- **Auction** - The auction will likely be held April 27 at Adams. The Board brainstormed how to improve the event, including suggestions for inviting more of the local community, introducing friendly competition between classes, increasing ticket sales at school, leveraging parent and school administration networks, and improving the welcoming and social aspects at the event itself.
- **Go Fund Me** - Teacher requests have been shared with the OA community.

Committee Updates

- **LSAT** - The LSAT just held its closed budget session, and the Principal believes DCPS has been responsive to OA's growing enrollment.
- **Family Socials** - Working to maximize attendance and fundraising at the remaining socials.

Kudos

- Thank you to the Black History Month team! Looking forward to the Black History Celebration on February 28.

Outstanding Discussion

- Lara Ilao - The Eco-Families group continues to work to bring recycling to OA. The board discussed what needs to be in place to effectively implement OA recycling, and Ms. Ilao requested the OCC promote Earth Day events and place recycling-related information in its communications.

Adjourn - 7:58pm