

OCC Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2020

Attendance:

Mayra Cruz (Principal)	Purnima Boominathan (Educational Investment Director / LSAT Liaison)
Andrea Egan (Chair)	Carla Ferris (Community Events)
Kevin Kurzendoerfer (Treasurer)	Mark Bromley (Fundraising Strategy)
Scott Dafflito (Secretary)	Monique Worrell (At Large - Community Events)
Catherine Depret (Fundraising Chair)	Claudia Aguilar (At Large - Community Events)
Catrin Morris (Calendar & Community Chair)	Hilary Benson (At Large)
Francisco Serrano (Classroom Parent Chair)	Jaime Solano (Teacher)
Jessica D'Amico (Information & Process Chair)	Laura Kleinmann (Teacher)

Opening & Campus Word (Chair and Principal Cruz)

- Call to order
- Chair has been having weekly meetings with Principal Cruz and Catrin.
- The OA relief fund raised \$35,000 to date and already committed \$21,000. It needs to raise \$10,000 within the next week to meet the needs for May 1.
- The Principal is aware of 2 students and 6 parents who have tested positive for COVID-19.
- Online re-enrollment for the 20-21 school year begins on Monday. Oyster will take a scaffolded approach to not overwhelm staff.

Distance Learning

- The Principal appreciates the community's help and flexibility during distance learning.
- 100% of students have technology and internet access.
- Oyster is creating its own distance learning trackers and asynchronous videos.
- There is concern about teacher burnout.
- Don't forget about all of the specials options!
- Parent teacher conferences on May 22 will not be individual but will likely be in a webinar format.

SY20-21

- Nothing is settled yet, but schools should be thinking now about reimagining what education looks like for the next year. Many of the current tools were made for normal times, but these are no longer normal times.
- There's a focus on making a 30 day plan for schools to better adjust.
- Oyster intends to provide some continued, loose guidance after the formal end of the school year for math, Spanish, and English at every grade. Science for grades 4-8.
- The school is working through how to promote the 3rd, 5th, and 8th graders.
- There is some consideration for keeping cohorts together, but there will be no major decisions until after May 15.

Treasurer Update

- Current cash position - \$55,000 in savings and \$15,000 in checking.

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- Current deficit - \$75,000
- The Board will form a budget committee for next year that will need to account for both increased classroom expenses next year and potentially reduced income for the rest of this year.

Fundraising Update:

- Fundraising events for the rest of the year have been cancelled, and there is no revenue coming in.

Communications Update:

- Communications has been working directly with the Principal during distance learning, and please email Catrin if you have any communications related ideas.
- Please email the Principal if you have any ideas for teacher appreciation coming up in May.

Technology Update:

- Thinking forward towards summer when we normally put out a newsletter and a mailer for the upcoming school year. We're considering adding a video or a virtual open house for new families and setting up a family buddy system.

Outstanding OCC Business:

- **Board Elections -**
 - The Chair will establish an elections committee and the committee will examine the bylaws for options to implement virtual voting.
 - The Board discussed the need to establish a slate of candidates, recognizing that there may be more interest this coming year due to virtual learning. This may also be an opportunity to tap room parents and consider a "leadership ladder" concept. The Chair would like to step down this coming year if there is a candidate willing to serve as Chair.