

## OCC Meeting Minutes March 17, 2022

### In attendance:

Scott Dafflitto (Chair)	Eva Mazier (Teacher Rep)
Hilary Benson (Secretary)	Ana López (Teacher Rep)
George Vera (Fundraising Co-Chair)	Lauren Pena (Teacher Rep)
Catherine Depret (At-Large)	Zaneta Han (Director, Strategy & Logistics)
Jen Jessup (Communications Chair)	Julián Pineda (Principal)
Magdalena Laguarda Villagran (Room Parent Chair)	Peter Meliotis (AP, Adams)
Francisco Serrano (Information & Process Co-Chair)	Mati Sarmiento (Teacher, Adams)
Jess D'Amico (Information & Process Co-Chair)	Jessica Barton (Parent)
Elizabeth Ruiz (At-Large, Finance)	Christina Miranda (Parent)
Purnima Boominathan (Educational Investment)	Mary Svenstrup (Parent)

### Unable to Attend:

Kevin Kurzendoerfer (Co-Treasurer)	Martha Valenzuela (At-Large)
Megan Hustings (Co-Treasurer)	Annalise Nelson (Fundraising Co-Chair)
Monique Worrell (At-Large, Community Events)	Mark Bromley (Fundraising Strategy Chair)

### Opening & Welcome: (Chair)

- Call to order at 6:01 pm.

### Board/Business Updates: (Chair; quorum present)

- Chair celebrated a number of areas where OCC has supported important areas this year including retroactive increase of tutor pay, professional development coverage for teachers, augmented RAZ Kids, TAG coverage, OCA support for student oversight, additional PE & music equipment, and recent coffee & doughnuts for staff.
- Minutes from 2/17/2022 voted on and **approved**.
- Chair enumerated requests for additional supplies:
  - PKB is requesting \$600 for a new rug and 4 nap cots.
    - DSL Han will check whether DCPS should cover the cots and advise the Chair.
    - Tech Co-Chair Serrano noted that PKA class may also need new rug; would be good to do this for both if needed.
  - Mr. Benson is requesting \$350 for 2A/B through the end of the year.
  - Up to \$1000 for levels A-P leveled readers in Spanish for TAG teachers at Oyster.
    - Teacher Rep López noted that \$1000K is a lot for leveled readers and that it seems more like a DCPS cost. Principal Pineda said that he can look into whether the District could be responsible for covering this. Chair noted that OCC can make the money available and retain it if the District will cover this cost. AP Meliotis mentioned that he bought what sounds like a similar kit for \$8K for Adams prior to the pandemic. Chair set this topic aside for further discussion with potential to vote on it via email.

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- Vote taken on funding PKA and 2A/B needs and both items **approved**.

**Campus Word:** (Principal)

- Principal Pineda remarks included the following:
  - thanks to OCC for the morale boosting coffee & doughnuts
  - OA budget for 2022-23 is \$11M, based on an enrollment of 755. OA will retain all teachers from last year. We will receive \$18K for teacher professional development. \$30K will be allocated for student travel.
  - next week's pop-up vaccine clinic at Oyster
  - OA will have one year to plan the transfer to our swing space for the Adams building renovation; an April renovation meeting is planned.
  - Mix & Mingle events will allow parents to see one another, teachers & admin in person.
  - removal of the mask mandate has gone smoothly – more students continue to mask at Adams.
  - PARCC testing will occur in April.
  - 2022-23 enrollment begins in April. We have 800 families waiting for 1 spot at OA.
  - Panorama Survey for parents focuses on 'love, challenge, prepare' and is open through April 1.
  - Mati Sarmiento and Ana Gonzales are working with middle school students to create a Spanish-language magazine.
  
- **Playground Renovation:** DSL Han noted that the soccer field renovation at Oyster is expected to run from April 4 to May 10 with the playgrounds being renovated over the summer. Chair noted that the school community will need to be flexible during this time and that the OCC is ready to assist as needed.

**Teacher Representatives Update:** (Teacher Reps)

- Teacher Rep Mazier noted an ongoing shortage of sanitizing wipes and asked if the OCC could help cover this cost. DSL Han noted that there have been ongoing shortages of cleaning supplies despite the District's promise that they would be provided; this has been a frequent stress for teacher's budgets.
  - Chair noted that OCC cannot generally cover things like cleaning supplies but asked Mazier and Han if they could meet with him to figure out how the OCC could help with this.
- Teacher Rep Mazier noted that she and Ms. Foley are participating in a virtual exchange with a class in Ghana during lunchtime. She asked if STEM funds could be used for t-shirts and snacks for this.
  - Chair noted that he does not see a problem in using the STEM funds for this as they fall under curriculum development. He noted that the OCC does not want to micromanage teacher spending.

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#### **Safety Committee Update:** (Communications Chair)

- Committee Chair noted that safety is a sensitive and potentially polarizing topic. She stressed that the committee is meeting with parents, teachers & administrators and seeks to find solutions. Activities include,
  - holding a town hall for community discussion - accomplished
  - creating a survey/reporting tool, still under development with the school
  - reinvigorating the discussion surrounding conscious discipline, in theory and practice; ensuring parents have information on conscious discipline at home
  - providing a discipline handbook
- The Safety Committee welcomes increased participation; please email [communications@oysteradams.org](mailto:communications@oysteradams.org) if you would like to be part of it.
- Principal noted that his school-wide emails have included information on conscious discipline and discipline at OA. He also noted that the Panorama Survey will collect information on safety.

#### **Community Engagement Committee Update:** (Chair)

- Chair noted that the committee is looking for ways to increase engagement. He mentioned that a Rockin' 'Ritas event was held in the past to provide a fun family activity after school and that this could be reprised.

#### **OCA Counselors' Update:** (Chair)

- OCA counselors have been providing additional adult support at lunchtime/recess and this has been running smoothly at both campuses. Chair and parent Dan Gordon who has headed up this effort will discuss if this additional support continues to be necessary.

#### **Technology Update:** (Information & Process Co-Chairs)

- Co-Chair Serrano noted he is evaluating translation software for use on OA's website.
- OCC's new board members have newly created emails.
- Co-Chair Serrano has created a webpage for 2C/D teacher Solano's student showcase; this forum could be made available for other teachers to use.

#### **Elections Committee:** (Chair, Information & Process Co-Chair Serrano)

- The committee is aiming for a May election, to be held over Zoom. 2021-2022 OCC term ends June 27 and new board starts June 28.
- Principal noted that OCC meetings could be in person at the school if that is desired. Chair noted he would like to keep a virtual participation option available even if meeting in person.

#### **General Discussion:**

- Teacher Rep López mentioned that a Story of Our Schools unveiling may be planned for May.

#### **Kudos:** (Everyone)

- Principal thanked Communications Chair for her excellent communication and work on the website.

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**Action Items:** (Secretary)

- Chair to meet with Teacher Rep Mazier, DSL Han to discuss OCC assistance covering cleaning supplies that DCPS has not provided.
- DSL Han to let Chair know whether DCPS will cover new nap cots.
- Principal Pineda to advise Chair whether DCPS would cover additional Spanish leveled readers for TAG.
- Chair to follow up with email for voting on funds for Spanish leveled readers if it turns out that OCC needs to provide money for these.
- Chair to discuss with Dan Gordon whether OCA counselors continue to be needed for student oversight.

**Adjournment:** (Secretary)

- Next meeting will be held April 21; current meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.