

Amended OSCS “Special Call” Board Meeting Minutes(approved)

May 4, 2015

Members Present: David Thompson, Sue Woltanski, Joe Thompson, Beth Kaminstein, Kim Carter, Bridget Dangel and Ariel Pohlek

Principal: Jennifer Flores

5:41 pm David called meeting to order.

- A.) Jenn stated that she will not have the entire curriculum plan for her benchmark deadline, but that she will have an outline of the curriculum. She had no other comments with regard to the benchmarks.
- B.) Beth reminded us that the OSCS Annual Meeting is coming up on May 20. Discussion ensued as to various possible times, themes, and other plans for the meeting. Jenn said that she would like to invite the whole community and use the opportunity to go over test scores and plans for the upcoming year, such as a possible “free or reduced price” lunch program. David asked Jenn about how she intends to determine which families will qualify for the reduced or free lunches and Beth expressed her concerns with regard to spending educational dollars on free lunches. Jenn stated that the profit on the lunches that are not free or reduced in price should cover the costs associated with giving some children free lunches. Jenn went on to say that she is still investigating the possibility of such a program and that Mariners Hospital’s cafeteria might be an option as a provider. She added that income requirements for who will or will not qualify for the reduced price or free lunches will also have to be worked out. Discussion returned to the topic of the Annual Meeting. The idea of a slide show was discussed. Jenn said that she will plan to have a slide show and showcase highlights from the year. Babysitting options were also discussed and Beth asked Jenn as to the status of the lottery and if it was advertised. Jenn replied that it was. The possibility of combining the lottery meeting and the annual meeting was discussed briefly, but Sue cautioned that we might be putting too much on parents to expect them to come for the lottery on such short notice. She added that she is in favor of planning to combine the annual meeting and the lottery meeting in 2016. Beth suggested that Jenn keep the S.I.P. (School Improvement Plan) available in a binder for any parents that may ask to see it at the event. After further discussion, plans were made for an open house style format for this year’s Annual Meeting with cake and coffee. Jenn will prepare the agenda, which will include consent agenda, slide show/open house, S.I.P., and accreditation. The current students’ parents will be the primary target attendees, but the extended community will also be invited. Jenn said that she will have two extra after care workers on the playground to watch the kids.
- C.) Jenn will email the board with the date in June for the board training session with Curtis Fuller.
- D.) Jenn provided the board with estimated total costs and estimated net profit from this year’s Silent Auction event at the Islander. Sue asked Jenn to have Rosemary create a spreadsheet of donors from this year’s silent auction so that it can be the beginning point for next year’s silent auction solicitation efforts.

E.) David asked Jenn what reason is typically given when parents decide to withdraw their child from OSCS. Jenn said she does an exit interview when this situation does arise and that the reasons she hears the most are either that the parents feel that standards are too high at OSCS or simply that they were on a waiting list for Treasure Village Montessori (TVM) and have finally been admitted. In the latter of the two scenarios the reason normally given for the TVM preference is that TVM goes up to 8<sup>th</sup> grade and OSCS does not, but that the overall experience at OSCS is good.

F.) Sue asked for an “Adopt a Field Trip” type model to help pay for field trips and eventually even possibly for the entire marine science program. She suggested a “Save Leah’s Arc” program.

6:39 PM Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by: Kim Carter