

OSCS Board Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2016

Members Present: David Thompson, Joe Thompson, Beth Kaminstein, Kim Carter, Ariel Poholek, Raymond Bonachea

Principal: Abbie Freeman

5:12 pm Dave called meeting to order.

- A) Awning update: Dave announced to the board that Key Largo Canvas will probably be finished with the awning work by July 8th. He went on to say that the painting is well on its way to completion and will not cause any delay in the awning work.
- B) Gate Project: Dave updated the board on the gate project. He has thoroughly researched the first two quotes and explained to us the difference between them. One quote is less than the other, but doesn't include the electrical work. He is waiting for a third and said that he fully expects to have all the proposals in hand at our July 6th board meeting so that we can vote on them then.
- C) Abbie gave each board member present a folder containing proposals from each bank that is competing for our business for both the open-end and closed-end lines of credit. Each bank sent two separate offers, one for the closed-end loan and one for the open-end line of credit. Discussion ensued as to which offers are the most advantageous for OSCS. Beth motioned to accept Centennial Bank's loan proposals, which also require that we switch to Centennial Bank as our primary bank for OSCS accounts. Dave seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- D) All board members present voted unanimously in favor of the following directors for the 2016-2017 school year: Dave Thompson will continue as President; Joe Thompson will continue as Treasurer; Ariel Poholek will serve as Vice President; Kim Carter will continue as Secretary; Beth Kaminstein will continue as a Director; Bridget Dangel will continue as a Director. (Note: Raymond Bonachea and Laura Brooks were previously voted on as new Directors for the 2016-2017 school year)
- E) Abbie announced that she is investigating Google Education as a tool for OSCS and the possibility of integrating our OSCS Board email accounts with Google or possibly changing our board email accounts to another platform. She will pursue the option that is easiest to use and inexpensive. She also discussed the need for parents to be able to access a "grades portal" to easily keep up with their student's progress, attendance, etc. Dave added that our student pick up/check in procedures also need updating for greater security. Abbie said that she will work on options to improve these procedures.

- F) Dave brought up a concern that the entry reception area of OSCS is not air conditioned. Abbie expressed the need for a space she can use that would be suitable for interviewing. She explained that the current space doubles as the I.E.P. room and if she is interviewing a potential new teacher and the I.E.P. teacher needs the room during an interview that the interview then must be moved to the kitchen where it may again be interrupted by teachers and other staff who need to use microwave etc. The board agreed that both the air conditioning issue and the office space issue need to be corrected if possible.
- G) Abbie announced that 111 students are currently committed for the 2016-2017 school year. She also said that she has an offer out to one teacher and that she is very close to making an offer to a second teacher. She will email an update to the board as soon as she hears back from the candidate who is holding an offer at present. Abbie added that she is also still looking for a third teacher.
- H) Ray said that he'd like to contribute to the board in the areas of planning and goal setting. Dave briefly went over some of the plans and goals that have been on the table during his tenure on the OSCS Board and welcomed Ray's desire to contribute in this area. On the topic of goals Abbie stated that she has 21st Century skills in mind as goals for the students, incorporating cultural enhancements, advanced technologies and the Montessori Method. Dave mentioned that he would like to see the kids learning computer coding in math class at OSCS. Abbie said that with the technology of Google Hangouts and with the potential help of Coral Shores High School in this area that coding is absolutely a possibility for our students.
- I) It was decided that Ari will contact Jonathan for the most recently amended copy of the OSCS Bylaws. He will get a copy to each board member for review prior to the July 6, 2016 board meeting. The goal is to amend the OSCS Board of Directors duties and responsibilities section of the bylaws during the July 6 meeting.

Dave motioned to adjourn at 7:30. Kim seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by: Kim Carter