



# OLD MISSION PENINSULA SCHOOL

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 10, 2020 at 8:45 a.m.

Zoom Meeting

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER 8:51AM

### 2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was held. The following board members were present: Amanda Igra (President), Becky Seah (Vice-President), Geoff Streit, and Mike Smiley, and Mike Jager

Non-Board Members Attending: Danielle Clayton and Renee Kolle, OMPS Co-Principals, Jennifer Wilson OMPEF

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Smiley, Supported by Jager. Roll call vote: Streit: yes, Seah: yes, Smiley: yes, Jager: yes, Igra: yes

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

No comments

### 5. BUSINESS

#### a. Approve Greenspire Matriculation Agreement

Igra: explained what the Matriculation Agreement is, how it works and its purpose. She read a summary of the agreement from OMPS Lawyer. This agreement has nothing to do with 6<sup>th</sup> grade, it's a separate discussion and not for today.

Jager: Commented on concern of OMPS perception with community and we cannot control that. Shared he had received emails from parents. Partnering with the school worried about what they school, worried about perception and alignment and what others think. We cannot control others perception. He is getting letters, thought it would be for 10% of students who would use this agreement.

Seah: We need to help all kids, not just some. It would benefit those who would use it and not affect those who would not use it.

Streit: The agreement shows each school holds their own charters and are separate from each other. Perception of community has to deal with by our transparency. This is an arrow in the quiver. No alignment in values or morals. We are creating opportunity. We are voting on the document and agreeing to what it says, it is not an alignment or partnership.

Igra we are only voting on the agreement and not the perception. We are here publicly saying there is not more to the agreement. We are clearing up the agreement and perception. We are not manipulating people into a specific program we are here to help them. We are here to help and not get in the way.

Smiley: Regarding perception, this is a chance for us to clear everything up. There is a distinction between the middle school discussion and the agreement. We can manage around the perception. The agreement comes in only if Greenspire fills up. If we do no sign and Greenspire fills up then no places are available.

Seah: perception is our area to clear up.

Action Item: Approve Greenspire Matriculation Agreement

Motion made by Smiley, Supported by Seah. Roll call: Smiley: yes, Seah: yes, Streit: yes, Jager: no, Igra yes. The motion was approved.

### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Wilson: Perception is a danger and manageable, if an announcement is not made with all the details that is where danger comes into play. Give out the details to everyone. Working hand in hand is a total possibility everyone has speaking points.

Courtney Gorman: Thank you for your service to the school, I am speaking as a parent and community member. 6<sup>th</sup> grade bring in the conversation. There is lot of chatter behind the scenes about 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Send out emails with information and a survey. Be transparent of future of 6th grade

Quinn Raftery: This is not in lieu of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade right? It would be a bad idea, the lower classes will make bigger classes in the future. If you engage with the community, you will get help and volunteers. It was the vision of the original people. Encouraging people to look else where is a bad move. Cancelling the 6<sup>th</sup> grade would be bad before it has gotten a good chance. Some students are good to stay at the school and some students will do better elsewhere.

Corey Phelps: We started off as our own entity, we built the reputation and put in work to be our own school. Does not see the benefit, it seems problematic we do not have control of the leadership, or control of anything they do. We are tying our name to them but no matter how good it is it seems like a risk management risk. Full transparency on having a middle school, have a middle school or not.

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Jager, Supported by Streit

Roll Call: Smiley: yes, Seah: yes, Streit: yes, Jager: yes, Igra yes

Meeting adjourned at 9:26AM

NEXT MEETING: February 19, 2020 8:30 a.m.

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