

# OLD MISSION PENINSULA SCHOOL

## Regular Board Meeting – Minutes

Friday, February 18, 2022 8:30am

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Meeting held at:

Old Mission Peninsula School

2699 Island View Road, Traverse City, MI 49686

And via Zoom.

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Becky Seah called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was held.

The following board members were present: Amanda Igra (President), Becky Seah (Vice-President), Susie Shipman (Secretary/Treasurer), Jen Kuhar, Will Gibb and Chris Johnston. Geoff Streit was present via zoom (non-voting).

Non-Board Members Attending:

Danielle Clayton and Renee Kolle, OMPS Co-Principals

Matt Missias and Matt Cawood, GVSU

Monnie Peters, OMPEF

Kelley Davis, Veritas Accounting

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Shipman and supported by Gibb to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Lisa Rapson expressed concerns about the OMPS mask policy and her interest in the current mask requirement ending immediately.

### 5. MEETING MINUTES

#### a. January 21, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Shipman and supported by Johnston to approve the January 21, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

### 6. OMPEF UPDATE

Peters shared that OMPEF has added board members since the last meeting. Abby Whisner and Julie Taylor are now members of the foundation. Fundraising has been fairly quiet through the first months of 2022. OMPEF provided Stop the Bleed kits for the school.

### 7. OMPS PTO UPDATE

Rebecca Shubert provided a report that Seah shared:

Food pantry event takes place 2/22/22, when kids will dress their best and bring in two canned goods for the local food pantry.

The PTO has arranged with The Boathouse to cater parent-teacher conferences one evening, and there is a signup genius for the second evening.

March events include the puppet assembly and wildlife safari.

PTO taking lead on trying to create a promo video for OMPS recruitment.

Kuhar asked about available marketing budget to support the enrollment marketing effort. Shipman noted there are marketing funds available and suggested the board work with the PTO and leadership to support the marketing effort.

### 8. GVSU REPORT

Missias provided the following report from GVSU:

- School performance reports are out and OMPS has received a very good report including:

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- Reading is 27 points higher and math 17 points higher than comparative schools
- OMPS is financially stable and school leadership is stable
- Alumni scholarship is available for GVSU high school graduates (matriculation agreement with Greenspire means that OMPS students can access this benefit).
- Need to have acceptance of GVSU academic grant on March meeting agenda.
- Training videos are available on the GVSU Charter School Office website for new board members.
- March 1<sup>st</sup> 4pm GRR MAPSA offices – new board member ceremonial swearing in ceremony – board members that are new in the last year are welcome to attend, and the event will also include a new board member orientation training after the ceremony.
- School operations survey is complete – data is currently being parsed from the results.
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> in GRR – GVSU is presenting a seminar on engaging teachers who aren't teaching.
- Governor Whitmer has released first iteration of a proposed school budget.

### 9. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

#### a. Leadership Monthly Report:

Kolle/Clayton shared an update on school operations including:

- Winter testing has just finished and staff and leadership are now working through the data to determine students that need additional support.
- An additional diversity and inclusion event before the end of year is being discussed.
- Leadership and the PTO are looking at marketing for school enrollment.
- The team is looking at the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the grant including items in the area of PE, food services, and technology.
- New Axios HR representative is Kathy Richter – John Sanford continues to assist in the transition.

### 10. BUSINESS

#### a. Michigan Charter Schools Grant Report

Davis: no activity since last month. Still holding off for two final large invoices.

As noted, the team is working on a 3<sup>rd</sup> round spending plan.

#### b. Monthly Financial Report – January

Davis: Financially the month was fairly quiet, which is usual for this time of year. The team is working on a budget amendment to come to the board in March.

Davis noted the increase proposed in the state budget, but that it is early days in the legislative process.

The team has also begun working on next year's budget and is looking for wish list items for consideration.

Overall the budget is on track. Food service is likely to require low input from general fund.

Shipman noted high plowing expenses, in a low snow year and suggested the board be prepared to fund that line more heavily to ensure we're covered for a higher snow year.

#### c. 2022-2023 School Calendar

The calendar for 2022-2023 prepared by Kolle and Clayton was presented.

Proposed Action Item: Approve 2022-2023 School Calendar

Motion made by Kuhar and supported by Seah to Approve the 2022-2023 School Calendar as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### d. 2022-2023 Seat Schedule

Clayton and Kolle confirmed the proposed seat schedule is the same as for the 2021-2022 school year.

Proposed Action Item: Approve 2022-2023 Seat Schedule

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Motion made by Shipman and supported by Johnston to Approve the 2022-2023 Seat Schedule as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

e. Committee Reports

Finance Committee: No meetings yet, but the finance committee is expected to meet soon to review a budget amendment.

Covid Committee: Igra reported on the discussion to move to a mask optional environment at OMPS. The committee reviewed public health metrics. Both physicians on the committee noted the eventual shift toward covid being endemic.

Kuhar: emphasized the need for good communication to families regarding a potential shift to mask optional so that they can have their questions answered. Suggested a set date should be provided with some lead time for families to adjust to the change.

Johnston: noted that vaccines are still not available for youngsters; pointed to the challenge of reliance on health metrics given the difficulty of tracking all cases and all test results.

Seah: Expressed importance of protection for preschoolers and for the leadership and staff to be supported.

Shipman: thanked Kolle and Clayton for surveying all staff members for their feelings about masks at this time, asked about the risks to staffing levels given limited availability of teaching subs. Leadership felt the situation was manageable. Shipman noted that communication should include a statement that measures could be reinstated if needed based on what is taking place in the wider community.

Kuhar suggests that we should consider a target date as soon as possible. Board consensus for committee to meet early next week, followed by a special board meeting.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Lisa Rapson reiterated her urgent interest in the ending of the mask mandate and noted the recent statewide communication from MDHHS regarding updated covid-19 guidance.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Johnston and supported by Shipman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 a.m.



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Board Secretary