

OLD MISSION PENINSULA SCHOOL

Regular Board Meeting – Minutes

Friday, October 20, 2023 8:30am

Meeting held at:

Old Mission Peninsula School

2699 Island View Road, Traverse City, MI 49686

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chris Johnston called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

Susie Hague, OMPS Student Council President, was invited to present a report:

- The elected members of the OMPS Student Council are: President: Susie Hague, Vice President: Roman Tapia, Secretary, Sloane Kelly, Treasurer: Alex Kurjan, and Historian: Rowan Moger.
- The council has planned Fun Fridays, Pop Corn Fridays, and Spirit PomPom fundraiser – raising funds to paint lines on the soccer field.
- Council is working with the PTO to be a part of Veteran’s Day Hero celebration, hosting a coffee and breakfast before the assembly and collecting donations for the Veteran’s Food Kitchen.
- Council is asking for toy donations for children in long-term care at Munson Hospital over the holidays.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was held.

The following board members were present: Chris Johnston (Vice-president), Susie Shipman (Secretary/Treasurer), Shaina LaFond, and Will Gibb. Amanda Igra and Jen Kuhar were excused.

Non-Board Members Attending:

Susie Hague, OMPS Student Council President

Renee Kolle, OMPS Superintendent

Kaitlyn Bailey, OMPS Principal

Jan Weckstein, GVSU

Kelley Davis, Veritas Accounting (online)

Monnie Peters, OMPEF

Joy Stehlik, Axios HR

Leah Derris, OMPS Preschool Director

Paul Bauer, Ed.D., Director of Systems Improvement & Evaluation - Northwest Ed

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

5. MEETING MINUTES

a. September 22, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Shipman and supported by LaFond to approve the September 22, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. OMPEF UPDATE

Peters updated the board regarding the upcoming fundraising dinner on November 2 at the Boathouse Restaurant. Dinner is set at \$250 per person. Invitation to go into Panther Tales.

7. OMPS PTO UPDATE

- LaFond updated the board about the PTO Track & Trail and fun awards won by top fundraising classrooms for fundraising. LaFond thanked the Track and Trail business sponsors.
- Coming events: Pumpkin walk is coming up – help with pumpkin carving is needed; The PTO is working with the OMPS student council for Veteran’s Day; Planning and preparation for the Holiday Store is underway.

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8. GVSU REPORT

Weckstein reported:

- Academic grants – the board president will receive notification by the end of the year. The annual award is based on governance training, compliance requirements and student assessment performance
- School Performance Reports for 2022-2023 reflecting academic, operational, and fiscal responsibilities as compared to peer schools are being prepared.
- Laker Leader Nexus, a virtual meeting for school leaders, is starting back up in October.
- Reminder to ensure all transparency documents are up to date on the school website.
- Legislative updates: MAPSA is anticipating a legislative update this fall, with initial talks being reported as positive.
- Professional education webinars begin in October and can be accessed via www.gvsu.edu/cso/pe

9. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

a. Leadership Report

Kolle reported that the year is off to a good start, and that she is appreciating the opportunity to focus on deeper elements of testing data and strategic planning, with Principal Bailey so capably running day to day school operations. Kolle believes Bailey is doing an excellent job in her new role.

Bailey reported:

- Student assessments – teachers will be working with reading and math supports from the ISD to dive deeper into the testing data to better support OMPS students. Teachers are grateful to have a half-day of school to allow them time to prepare for Parent Teacher Conferences.
- New kindergarten teacher – Miss Margo Woughter. Over the last week, she has shown that she is a strong teacher, positive role model and great addition to the OMPS crew.
- Thank you to Renee Kolle, and Cobey Taylor of the Peninsula Fire Department, for organizing the recent Touch a Truck event, where students got to learn all about fire trucks, ambulances, police cars, the public bus system, power line trucks, and farm vehicles. This event was so successful, it is planned to be repeated at OMPS in future years.

10. BUSINESS

a. Monthly Financial Report – September

Davis reviewed the monthly (1st quarter 2023-2024) report:

- Fiscal audit – Davis has seen the final audit and there are no issues of concern to report.
- The completed audit will be submitted to the state before end of October, as required, and presentation of the audit to the board will take place in November.
- Current cash position is strong even with no state aid received in September.
- The annual budget has been updated, and once we have the certified student count from the state, an amended budget will be brought to the board (in November/December).

Motion made by Shipman and supported by LaFond to approve the 1st Quarter Financial Report for 2023-2024 as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

b. Pre-K Expansion Discussion – Leah Derris

Derris, OMPS' Preschool Director, presented her proposal to expand the OMPS preschool program to two classrooms. The 27-student waitlist for placement in preschool for 2024-2025 indicates that the demand is there. The program has been successful to date, and is currently operating at capacity.

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Derris reviewed the staffing needs, initial equipment investment required, and the ongoing operational costs, believing that the program could build quickly to full capacity, and be a source of students moving into kindergarten and beyond at OMPS.

The board discussed the proposal and next steps. Davis added that from an accounting standpoint, the program should be self-sustaining within a few years, given the expectation it will build to full enrollment.

Motion made by LaFond and supported by Gibb to approve the proposed expansion to a second preschool classroom for the 2024-2025 school year. The motion was approved unanimously.

c. OMPS Data Proficiency – Paul Bauer

Kolle introduced Paul Bauer, Director of Systems Improvement & Evaluation at Northwest Ed, who has been a great resource for OMPS and for leadership.

Bauer:

- Reviewed MSTEP data – OMPS tracks with the 30-school peer group, and above the state average.
- Some data points (potential acceleration points) are hidden behind the averages, though, and these points can be used for targeted improvements as compared to the OMPS peer group.
- Note: there is a lot of talk about the effects of COVID on students, but data shows that COVID didn't create issues, it shined a light on historical inequities.
- Acceleration points involve hyper specificity and an opportunity to maximize OMPS teaching and learning potential before start looking at competitive edge in other areas.
- The NWEA benchmark assessment – 3x per year – has strong predictive validity towards state assessment (MSTEP).
- Research shows importance of climate and culture (sense of safety (I feel safe/rules are fair), sense of belonging (teachers care about me/kids care about me)), and instructional support (teachers help me learn/teachers encourage)).
- Data shows 3 points in Conditions for Learning that form an arc for acceleration for OMPS to improve.
- Bauer reviewed the six Marzano District Leader domains, and their relationship with each other, which provides a framework for language about 'what's our trajectory, and do we agree with it?'
- Note: many schools with the lowest student performance have the highest teacher performance reviews and highest performing schools have the lowest teacher performance review. The implications of this data were discussed.

d. Committee Reports:

- No specific reports this month, but the Academic Committee (rotating board membership) is continuing to hold meetings with OMPS leadership each month.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Board Secretary