

Old Mission Peninsula School

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The “NEW” Old Mission Peninsula School Prepares to Open School Board Announces Founding Leadership Team

TRAVERSE CITY, MI – The Board of Directors of the newly established Old Mission Peninsula School (OMPS) is making preparations to ensure students have an amazing educational experience when classes begin this fall.

Board President, Mike Smiley, is excited to announce the founding leadership team. Veteran educator Dena Schweitzer will serve as Director of Academics and will be joined by Jeremy Stringer as Director of Operations. “Due to the generous support of the Old Mission Peninsula Education Foundation and their many donors, we have our founding leadership team in place” said Smiley.

Although the school will be housed in the same facility, it will not be business as usual. The school is public and is chartered by Grand Valley State University. It promises an educational program that engages students in hands-on learning and energizes them to discover all that they can be.

Schweitzer says she is humbled and honored to serve as the founding academic leader for the school. “Our first day of school is September 4, 2018 – 147 days from today,” said Schweitzer. “We are working diligently to ensure a smooth opening and prepare for academic excellence throughout the year. It’s exciting to be able to continue the educational tradition on Old Mission Peninsula and fully utilize the campus through the use of our EL inspired curriculum.”

To complete the leadership team, Jeremy Stringer will serve as the Director of Operations. A Michigan native, Stringer spent seven years working in technology at the Interlochen Center for the Arts before becoming the founding Director of Information Literacy & Services at the Savannah Country Day School in Savannah, Georgia.

Stringer says it’s a tremendous opportunity to be part of the OMPS founding team and he and his wife, along with their six daughters, are excited to relocate back to Traverse City. “I consider it an honor to be part of the team and I share the passionate vision being realized in the opening of the new OMPS.” Drawing on his experience opening an Apple Repair Center (ARC), starting a robotics and drone flying club, and sponsoring STEM related campus activities, Stringer intends to utilize technology to help augment and support the learning process.

OMPS is offering grades K-6 and looks forward to opening the school doors to its students and their families this fall. Said Schweitzer, “We have big dreams for our students and look forward to a true partnership with our families and community.”

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