

OLD MISSION PENINSULA SCHOOL

Special Board Meeting – Minutes

Friday, February 8, 2019 10:00am

Meeting held at:

Century 21 Northland Office

14115 Center Rd, Traverse City, MI 49686

1. CALL TO ORDER

Michael Smiley called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was held.

The following board members were present: Michael Smiley (President), Jen Coleman (Treasurer), Susie Shipman (Secretary), Becky Seah and Amanda Igra. Isaiah Wunsch was excused.

Non-Board Members Attending:

Matt Cawood, GVSU (participated via telephone from approximately 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.)

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. DISCUSSION ITEM(S)

a. Board and Startup Year Review

The board discussed the status of various aspects of the school now that it has been open for five months. Coleman noted that while it has been a lot of work, the ultimate goal of getting the school up and running has been achieved. Board members expressed various perceptions and observations regarding original school goals, where the school is currently, and directions to pursue going forward in order to achieve long term success. Both achievements and deficits were acknowledged. Content and timing for surveys being drafted to solicit feedback from OMPS families and OMPS crew was considered.

School staffing, including the role of Back Pearl, needs further work: the original administration staffing model is currently being evaluated by the Academic Committee to determine the appropriate path going forward; the board needs to ensure that teaching staff contract renewal is being addressed and that teachers are supported to achieve success.

Board roles have evolved out of necessity as the months have gone by, and will continue to evolve through the startup year and beyond. Shipman suggested that the MASB provided a school board evaluation tool that members may want to consider.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Coleman and supported by Seah.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.



Board Secretary