

OLD MISSION PENINSULA SCHOOL

Special Board Meeting – Minutes

Friday, February 16, 2024 8:30am

Meeting held at:

Old Mission Peninsula School

2699 Island View Road, Traverse City, MI 49686

1. CALL TO ORDER

Shaina LaFond called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was held.

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

Non-Board Members Attending:

Renee Kolle, OMPS Superintendent

Kaitlyn Bailey, OMPS Principal

Matt Missias, GVSU

Monnie Peters, OMPEF

Kelley Davis, Veritas Accounting (remotely)

Becky Seah, OMPS Staff

Todd Sanders guest

Marsha Andres guest

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

4. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

5. MEETING MINUTES

a. January 12, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

LaFond reviewed two minor corrections to the minutes: item 7 “LaFond sharded” should read “Lafond shared” and under Item 10. f. Committee Reports: “Academic Committee” should read “Finance Committee”.

Motion made by Johnston and supported by Igra to approve the January 12, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes as corrected. The motion was approved unanimously.

6. OMPEF UPDATE

Peters reported that at a recent meeting, the OMPEF board discussed options for better organization. There is nothing regarding the school building to report. Peters suggested a meeting with OMPEF, Bailey and Kolle to discuss further. More to come from OMPEF this spring.

7. OMPS PTO UPDATE – no report for this meeting

8. GVSU REPORT

Missias reported:

- Academic grant of \$4845 from GVSU has been awarded. The OMPS Board needs to accept the grant.
- Spring Leaders retreat for principals, from all over the state, is here in TC this year. May 17-18, social hours May 16. Need to pre-register.
- School Operations Survey for teachers is Feb 20-March 22. This is a confidential survey that asks how school is functioning.
- Board member survey went out as of Feb 5.
- Board receptions GR or Detroit May 13 & 14.
- March 31 GVSU Photo Contest. Notes that OMPS submitted great photos last year.

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- Core Value Award open now, this year is the GVSU core value of integrity. Applications must come from the board. March 31 deadline, cash award \$5k.
- Board reappointment and new board member deadline is April 1 for June GVSU meeting approval.
- Governor's office is working on the budget for May.
- School Performance report: Annual Statement of the school's capacity and contract goals. This year's report GVSU changed some info and the format to be easier to read for board members and community. Gone are colored bar graphs, charts display information in a better way, state assessment results M-Step Proficiency rate ELA 66 math 52 overall 54, next compared to peer schools and average steady improvement, in NWEA 17% higher than comparable schools (Eastern is one). ELA student growth percentile to peer school's growth 2.3% better than peer schools, math the same thing. Growing and out growing the school. The summer went through a revision of peer schools, distance, demo statistically similar, share philosophy and get more relatable schools for comparison. Peer schools are all TCAPS schools. 98% test rate which is great! Student demographics: 100% attendance rate, enrollment down last year slightly. That is the improvement we need, need growth and not shrinkage.

Kuhar asks about developing a one-page summary of the information.

Missias: Pull out any part that fits the narrative, about experiential learning or test scores, out growing all peer schools, TCAPS schools. Same things with the school index, 99 index score, TCAPS is less. Pick one thing for each thing and make the case. GO to MI School Data comparisons of schools and parent dashboard, includes discipline issues. Mischooldata.org, is the website with parent comparison and option to do a side by side comparison with another school.

9. MANAGEMENT REPORT(S)

a. Leadership Report

Bailey reported:

- Open house last night, first one since our first year, 20 families came through, all Pre-k through 1st grade. One enrollment packet from last night. Thank you to teachers and Becky Seah for their work.
- Preliminary numbers re-enrolled are at 134, only 5 families have not responded yet for various reasons. Kindergarten: 29, 1st grade: 16, 2nd grade: 21, 3rd grade: 28, 4th grade: 23, 5th Grade: 19. Preschool 1 spot available in each class. Kindergarten enrollment is the highest we have seen in a few years.
- Literacy and Math data meeting with ISD is coming up.

Kolle reported:

- Benchmarking assessment and coaches from ISD are very pleased with our school and the data looks great, February data has never looked so good.
- NWEA assessment for math and reading shows high growth and high achievement with interventions and achievements highest in math. Lower growth but still great growth.
- Kuhar: data in bottom right quadrant, did those students start high and have less room to grow?
- Bailey: yes, the ISD is helping to get those scores to be able to achieve more.
- Kuhar: have we looked into this with patterns of teaching to see how teaching leads to results?
- Bailey: not year to year as a teacher reflection, data would look at growth specifically.
- Reading is very similar, smaller in the high achievement and growth, 2nd grade has the lowest growth but each student is being looked at individually with the teacher and Leslie Ketko. This is the group that missed preschool due to covid, looking at all factors for the group of students. Overall this is what we are working on and seeing improvements is exciting.
- GVSU Charter Contract Renewal was submitted last night. Grateful for LaFond and Shipman assisting with completing the application and Bailey reviewing. March 6 is the site visit with focus groups: we are preparing staff, GVSU is transparent with the questions they ask and we are ready!
- Missias: will have a site visit on March 6th, will renew now or fall, not sure what the result will be. The team will come to the school, and then make a recommendation to the committee and they make the recommendation to the GVSU board and the board makes the decision.

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10. BUSINESS

a. Monthly Financial Report – January

Davis reviewed the monthly report: at the high level, as of February everything is settled in and we are looking to next year. Gov. did have a small budget increase. We will now look into the next school year, with a conservative approach. OMPS is in a good position. We are looking at the end of grant money. This 85-90% operating without the grant money.

Staff increases have been executed. New opportunities include a literacy grant – working on this with Kolle. Stable financially, and 58% through the fiscal year
Expenses are under budget because we have not spent the full technology budget, safety grant and ISD contract. Food Service is performing better than expected.

b. Amended 2022-2023 OMPS GVSU School Performance Report

Reviewed in Item # 8.

c. 2024-2025 Seat Schedule

Proposed Action Item: Approve 2024-2025 Seat Schedule

Motion made by Johnston and supported by Kuhar to approve the 2024-2025 Seat Schedule as presented. The motion was approved unanimously.

d. GVSU Charter Renewal Update

LaFond: The renewal process was seamless once you got into it and it was great to learn about the school history and operations in more detail, and know how we can improve. Thank you to Igra and Seah for historical perspective and Missias for the support.

e. Committee Reports: none.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

Joy Stehlik, Axios HR: Beginning the spring audit, easy process, is just working with Kolle and Bailey.

Feb 28 Axios HR is having a Happy Hour at Del Mar, please come if you are free!

Shaina LaFond: Got some help with approvals and thank you for helping to get through it and patience for the GVSU renewals.

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 a.m.

Board Secretary