

**Our Community School
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 6:30pm**

**ON-SITE MEETING LOCATION
OUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL
MPR (Multi Purpose Room)
10045 Jumilla Ave, Chatsworth, CA 91311**

SATELLITE MEETING LOCATIONS
(required for board members joining remotely)

OUTSIDE LA COUNTY:
923 Puerto Place, Ventura, CA 93001

INSIDE LA COUNTY:
21208 Celtic Street, Chatsworth CA 91311

Community Members may choose to join in-person or via Zoom Meeting at:
<https://ourcommunityschool-org.zoom.us/j/89767705493?pwd=eEtMWDhNRlIGbTZYaHFWTXNsemF3Zz09>
Meeting ID: 897 677 05493
Passcode: 810439

Public Documents Folder:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bopLExTC7nsPi6_IQaDcBzGWd7HRyVUX?usp=drive_link

Board Members Present: Annie Parnell, Judy Kogan, David Connelly, Tamara Schiff; (Virtual) Yi Ding

Board Members Absent: Kelly Simon, Greg Knotts

School Staff Present: Carey Bartlow, Principal; Deja Munn, Faculty Advisors;

Community Advisors Present: Irina Castillo, ExEd; Ryan French, Panda Partners

Meeting called to order at: 6:40pm

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

- I. **Community Speakers** (3 minutes each) - Any member of the public may comment on anything within the board's jurisdiction during the public comment period. Those who wish to comment may either use the "raise hand" tool (for virtual attendees) or the sign up sheet (provided at in-person meetings). Each individual is allotted up to three (3) minutes, and the public comments section of our meetings may be limited to a reasonable amount of

time as determined by the board. While the board cannot respond to any comments made by the public (per the Ralph M. Brown Act), speakers are welcome to follow up with the board chair(s) via email unless directed otherwise.

II. **Reading of the OCS Mission and Vision** (3 mins)

- A. Mission Statement: Our Community School guides our students to be Empowered, Ethical, and Informed community members. Our diverse and caring community integrates academics with creativity, thereby fostering independent thinkers, problem solvers, and leaders. We nurture multiple aspects of a child's development: physical, emotional, intellectual, artistic, and social.
- B. Vision Statement: OCS staff members, students, and families strive to create a culture of acceptance and belonging where all students are honored. OCS Community members will be given the tools and support to positively impact their local and global communities by being Empowered, Ethical, and Informed.

III. **Consent Agenda** (3 mins) The following item(s) may be adopted by a single vote of the board, or any item(s) may be pulled off of consent by any member's request (without any need for a vote to pull from consent).

- A. **Approve** Agenda for May 29, 2024 Board Meeting
- B. **Approve** Minutes for March 27, 2024

Motion to approve: Annie

Seconded: Tamara

Approved by Roll Call Vote: Annie Parnell, Judy Kogan, David Connelly, Tamara Schiff; (Virtual) Yi Ding

IV. **Governance Committee** (5 mins) The Board will be given an opportunity to ask questions about the report provided by the Governance Committee Chair

- A. **Governance Committee Meeting Report:** A brief report and discussion about the governance meeting actions being taken/considered.

V. **Finance Committee** (30 mins) The Board will be given an opportunity to ask questions about the report provided by the Finance Committee

- A. **Finance Committee Meeting Report:** A brief report and discussion about the finance meeting actions being taken/considered.
- B. **March and April Financials:** The Board will **review and vote** to approve the March and April Financials, including the financial dashboard as prepared by ExEd, check register, and credit card register.

Motion to approve: David

Seconded: Annie

Approved by Roll Call Vote: Annie Parnell, Judy Kogan, David Connelly, Tamara Schiff; (Virtual) Yi Ding

- C. [FY24-25 Preliminary Budget \(presentation only\)](#). The final budget is to be voted on at June's meeting
 - Budget Challenges: The governor and legislature are dealing with large budget deficits for the current and the next two years, with an initial gap of

\$45 billion reduced to \$28 billion after early actions.

- Education Funding:
 - The May revision of the budget, like the earlier proposal in January, aims to protect K-14 education from cuts by fully depleting the Proposition 98 Rainy Day Fund.
 - A controversial method called the "Prop 98 maneuver" is proposed to handle funding, spreading \$8.8 billion in excess allocations over five years, starting in 2025-26, without impacting the minimum guarantee calculations.
 - The governor supports maintaining K-14 programs and funding a 1.07% statutory cost of living adjustment (COL4).
- Other Government Spending:
 - Significant budget cuts are proposed for other government operations and programs, with a pause on new investments.
 - These measures are in response to slow economic growth at both the state and national levels.
- Impact on OCS: 2024-2025 budget assumptions for a specific school (OCS):
 - Enrollment is set at 440 with an attendance rate of 94.5%.
 - Budget includes various funding allocations like Prop 28 Arts and Music Funds and an Expanded Learning Opportunity Program.
 - Introduction of new revenue streams and changes in expenses, such as an increase in fundraising revenue, changes in health insurance contributions, and adjustments in teacher salaries.
- Potential Issues and Adjustments:
 - No relief seen for transitioning teacher-kindergarten ratios from 12:1 to 10:1 by 2025-26 due to state funding constraints.
 - While there are no ongoing reductions to core K-12 programs, such measures might be considered to balance the budget.
 - Final budget adjustments and the outcome of the "Prop 98 maneuver" will be crucial, with potential implications on the school's budget and operations if the maneuver is rejected.

D. FY24-25 Teacher Salary table increase

Motion to approve: David

Seconded: Tamara

Approved by Roll Call Vote: Annie Parnell, Judy Kogan, David Connelly, Tamara Schiff; (Virtual) Yi Ding

E. Health Insurance Coverage Increase

F. FY24-25 ExED Notice of Terms Supplement

Motion to approve: David

Seconded: Annie

Approved by Roll Call Vote: Annie Parnell, Judy Kogan, David Connelly, Tamara Schiff; (Virtual) Yi Ding

VI. **School Leadership Report from OCS Interim Executive Director, Carey Bartlow** (30 mins) The Board will be given an opportunity to ask questions about the Leadership Report, summarizing any updates and actions taken during the month and any recommendations to the Board.

- A. Operational and Compliance Update
- B. Option 1 Update
- C. LCAP update to the Board
- D. Educational Program Update
- E. 2024-2025 Calendar Proposal

Motion to approve: David

Seconded: Tamara

Approved by Roll Call Vote: Annie Parnell, Judy Kogan, David Connelly, Tamara Schiff; (Virtual) Yi Ding

- F. Contract Renewals

VII. **Board Chair Report** (5 min) The Board will be given an opportunity to ask questions about the report provided by the Board Chair, summarizing any updates and actions taken during the month and any recommendations to the Board.

VIII. **Panda Partners** (5 min) the Board will be given an opportunity to ask questions about the Panda Partner's report, given by Panda Partner Co-Presidents Ryan French and/or Tina Herrera, summarizing any updates and actions taken during the month.

IX. **Announcements and Adjourn**

Adjourned at 8:23pm