

**Our Community School
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 27, 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)

INSIDE LA COUNTY:
21208 Celtic Street, Chatsworth, CA 91311
415 Glen Aire Dr, Glendale 91202

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

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/1npP6tTdNVUOBUjfb2AGAEbHT6MUgFacC?usp=drive_link

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

Board Members Absent: Kelly Simon

School Staff Present: Carey Bartlow, Principal; Deja Munn, Anthony Mize, Ana Jimenez Gomez, Faculty Advisors;

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

Meeting called to order at: 6:38pm

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- 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.

Nathalie Ruiz (parent): shared confusion/concern and asked for clarification with the discussion to turn over the provision of all special education services at OCS to LAUSD (Option #1) or else retaining the existing OCS special education program, services, and staff (Option #3)

Meredith Hawks: shared LAUSD special education staffing shortage

Robert Oberlander: appreciated the efforts of OCS board, but asked for clarification of implications of student services and other measures that were considered other than the decision to move from Option 3 to Option 1

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 March 27, 2024 Board Meeting

B. **Approve** Minutes for February 27, 2024 SPECIAL Board Meeting

C. **Approve** Minutes for February 28, 2024 Board Meeting

Motion to approve: Tamara

Seconded: David

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

IV. **Governance Committee** (10 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.

Potentially moving future board meetings to Tuesdays

We continue to need new and diverse board members to join us (aim to recruit 3-5):

Non-parent board members and non-relatives of school staff or parents

Recruitment message will be shared in Parent Square again

- 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. **February Financials:** The Board will **review and vote** to approve the February 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, Greg Knotts

C. APPROVE Audit Firm for FY 23-24 Audit

Motion to approve: David

Seconded: Annie

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

D. Task Force Update

- 1. **Vote to approve Motion #Fin03.27.23** Approval of Moving to Option #1 for Special Education Services - Special Education Program Choice for 2024-25. The Board will discuss the designation of the OCS SPED program option for the 2024-25 school year and thereby vote to turn over the provision of all special education services at OCS to LAUSD (Option #1) or else retaining the existing OCS special education program, services, and staff (Option #3)

It is mainly the extensive cost that is behind this decision. The change is only for 2024-25. Our former experience with LAUSD Option 1 was good.

Motion to approve: David

Seconded: Annie

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

- VI. **School Leadership Report from OCS Interim Executive Director, Carey Bartlow** (40 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. Equity Task Force Update
 - C. LCAP update to the Board
 - D. Educational Program Update
 - E. 2024-2025 Calendar Update

- 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.
- A. Discuss moving regular board meetings to Tuesdays
 - B. Update on OCS Foundation - Vote to approve Motion #BC03.27.23 Approval of Director Annie Parnell to OCS Foundation.

Motion to approve: David

Seconded: Tamara

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

- 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. **CLOSED SESSION: Conference With Labor Negotiators (20 minutes)**

Agency Designated Representative(s): Board Co-Chairs

Unrepresented Employee: Interim Executive Director

- X. **OPEN SESSION INFORMATION/Action Agenda Items (15 minutes):**

- A. Board Approval/Ratification of Compensation Comparability Study for Interim Executive Director Position
- B. Board Chair: Required Oral Report Regarding Interim Executive Director Employment Contract
- C. Ratification/Approval of Interim Executive Director Employment Contract

Motion to approve: Annie

Seconded: David

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

- XI. **Announcements and Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at: 9:26pm