



Our World Neighborhood Charter Schools

EDUCATING OUR STUDENTS TO BECOME INDEPENDENT THINKERS AND LIFE-LONG LEARNERS!

Board of Trustees Meeting (Tuesday, September 24, 2019)

Members present

Jeanette Betancourt (via video conference), Maura Fitzgerald, Richard Bogle, Manu Bhagavan

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M

1. Roll Call

Roll call was taken. Jeanette Betancourt (via video conference), Maura Fitzgerald, Richard Bogle, Manu Bhagavan were in attendance.

Also present from the school team were: Lucille Ranchor, Jayme Pabon, Monica Guridis, Randi Berry, Dechelle Damien, Mark Crusante, Mihwa Park, Karrine Montaque and Brian Ferguson

2. CEO Report

A. Admissions

- a. OWNCS- Not at full target but pretty much in good shape.
- b. Currently revisiting marketing strategies for enrollment. By the end of October, will have an idea on what part of the plan needs modification.

B. Monthly Highlights/Accomplishments

- a. Currently OWNCS is working on re-defining the meaning of student success by revisiting the curriculum and determine how it is tying into our internal mission statement but also how it incorporates the IB mission. How does our current mission reflect IB?
- b. Principals in both the elementary and middle schools have been working with their own teams for the IB implementation plan – MYP Advisory Team & PYP Program Team.
- c. From the IB perspective- The curriculum must include both visual and performing arts. Therefore, OWNCS is aiming to explicitly articulate how the FILM program is going to be our performing arts program.
- d. All students will be participating in the IB program. In addition, principals will be working to rearticulate the assessment philosophy – We do not use state tests to retain students.

C. Policy Issues

- a. Title I Related School Compact- updated our old policy that addresses all Title I related information.
- b. School Wellness Policy- lunch program has been changed and improved.

3. Facilities Committee Report

A. Ongoing Issues

- a. Mr. Brian Ferguson, Mark Crusante, and Richard Bogle met with Tracy from Kaufman Astorias and discussed possible future partnerships.

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- b. Richard Bogle strongly suggests on getting a lobbyist to press on the idea that we have families in the two facilities who vote and take it personally if something happens to any of our schools. Our schools matter. EDC must be aware and hear our voice – We need to be on the offensive.
 - B. OWN 3 Status
 - a. Florence Adu is currently working on the numbers at the moment..
- 4. CFO Report
 - A. Karrine Montaque gave a quick summary of the last Finance meeting that took place in August, 2019. The audit of the 401K is due on October 5, 2019 so it is expected to be completed by then as well. The annual report is due on the first of November so the main focus of the business office is completing those tasks.
 - B. The business office is currently working closely with the HR department to replace the current payroll provider since they are having difficulties meeting our needs of our growing numbers. The business office hopes to bring proposals to the finance meeting in the next several weeks.
- 5. PTO Report
 - A. Randi Berry and Dechelle Damien made their introductions since they are the new chairs of the PTO this year.
 - B. PTO Reached funding for the whole year- \$400 over the goal due to the very active Kindergarten parents.
 - C. Back to School Meetup – went to the Kaufman Backlot Festival instead of the usual picnics.
 - D. Yoga & Mindfulness- Started this year and expanded to the middle school. They partnered Real Dance.
 - E. Town Hall Ask Me Anything Gathering with Mr. Brian Ferguson- a meeting for the new parents have been scheduled to welcome the new families and answer any questions they might have. PTO will host another meeting with Mark Crusante before the October Board Meeting to show the parents that OWNCS are open and accessible.
- 6. Faculty & Staff
 - A. Back to School Night has been a huge success.
 - B. Started the 6 Day calendar this year- had a shaky start but everyone started to get the hang of it and it has been extremely beneficial. Parents can plan ahead for their children such as gym days, etc.
 - C. IB training is ongoing and teachers are starting to implement IB key ideas and language so that the students will be able to become familiar.
 - D. News article came out in the local Astoria paper covering the Middle School Climate Change March.
- 7. Resolution & Votes

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