



**Oshki Ogimaag Community School  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Date: September 16, 2020**

**Time: 4:34 P.M.**

**Place: Oshki Ogimaag Community School Conference Area**

Present: Carol Cleveland, John Morrin, Travis Novitsky, Leslie Olson, Erik Redix, Yastrianne Spry, and Patty Winchell-Dahl. Also present Carmen Keyport, Director and Jean Spry, Administrative Assistant (notetaker).

- 0.0 No Public and Parent comments.
- 1.0 Call meeting to order 4:34 P.M.
- 2.0 Reading of Mission Statement, Yastrianne Spry.
- 3.0 Roll call with quorum present.
- 4.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by Patty Winchell-Dahl to approve agenda items and minutes from August 19, 2020 meeting. Chairwoman Olson suggested that in future minutes we note the entrance time of late arrivals only if they miss a vote. Chairwoman Olson inquired why we are using Google Classroom this year for the Distance Learning students. Redix responded that platform we used last year, Class Dojo, had limited classroom applications and performed more like a social media site. Cook County Schools is using Seesaw, but that has a fee. Google Classroom allows teachers to have students complete assignments in a word processing application, Google Docs. It also allows multiple users to edit a document when invited, which is helpful for the staff. Redix reported that emails were created for all students, not just Distance Learners, and staff email was migrated from Outlook to Gmail, a process that took several hours over two days and with assistance from the Grand Portage IT department. Winchell-Dahl inquired if Distance Learners are joining classes live at the time they are being taught to in-person students. The Director responded that they are not. Redix responded that Google Hangouts has this capability and that the 5-6 grade teacher attempted to do this the first week during the morning meeting, but the Distance Learning students were not logged on at the time. The Director noted that the staff is still learning Google Classroom. Redix mentioned that there are only four families doing distance learning and they are very engaged and could easily adapt to whatever features classroom teachers wanted to utilize. All in favor – motion carried 6-0.
- 5.0 Motion by Yastrianne Spry, second by John Morrin to approve Financial Expenditures & Revenues for August. Winchell-Dahl inquired if there were additional expenses for cleaning supplies due to COVID-19. Director replied that expenses for cleaning supplies are well within our current budget and likely will be federal funding available for cleaning supplies and other COVID-19 expenses. Cleveland-aye; Morrin-aye; Novitsky-aye; Redix-aye; Spry-aye; Winchell-Dahl-aye; motion carried 6-0.
- 6.0 Motion by Patty Winchell-Dahl, second by Carol Cleveland to approve Carmen Keyport as Identified Official with Authority (IOWA). All in favor – motion carried 6-0.
- 7.0 Motion by Carol Cleveland, second by Travis Novitsky to approve Charter School Release Agreement. All in favor – motion carried 6-0.

- 8.0 Discussion of staff leave due to COVID-19. Following up on the discussion at last months meeting, the Director reported back that if a teacher gets COVID or has to quarantine due to a household member or coming into contact with another person, they are not eligible for unemployment and would have to use leave. Some employees (Erik and Bonita) could work from home if they needed to quarantine. Director reported that the Cook has a plan with Grand Portage Head Start and the Grand Portage Elders Nutrition Program that if one of them gets sick and/or has to quarantine, the others will pick up the workload.
- 8.1 Motion by Erik Redix, second by John Morrin to add Discussion of Playground to agenda. All in favor – motion carried 6-0. Redix reported that the letter from the school board to the Grand Portage RTC was delivered. Chairwoman Olson reported that Grand Portage construction has two workers on staff right now and many other projects that were put on hold this summer. Morrin will bring up the issue to fellow RTC members.
- 9.0 Update on beginning of school year COVID-19 protocol. The Director reported that there are currently 29 students: 21 in person and 8 in distance learning, up from 21 last year. Spry inquired if that the school will get additional funding. The Director reported that the school will receive funding for increased enrollment next year. Redix reported that it is going well: students have few problems wearing masks and social distancing. Redix talked to other staff and the ones he talked to feel the same. Redix reported that Wolf Ridge is providing programming at Waaban, funded by a grant received by Grand Portage Trust Lands, once a week to the 5-6 grade classroom. Winchell-Dahl cited Jeana Van Dyne’s board report and her concerns with no prep time due to COVID-19 cleaning. The Director reported they have rearranged the schedule in order to get Van Dyne prep time during lunch time. Chairwoman Olson inquired about the space in Van Dyne’s classroom. The Director responded that there is plenty of room in the class based on state COVID-19 recommendations. Chairwoman Olson requested follow up on the situation at the next meeting.
- 10.0 Board training: discussion of Chapter 13: *Book of Charter School Board* led by Travis Novitsky. According to the text, only 20% of board meetings deal with student achievement. Author argued that finances should take about 15 minutes and the rest should be student achievement. Author’s research found that many charter school boards spend vast amounts of time on neither. Discussion of Chapter 14 will be led by Spry.
- 11.0 Motion by Travis Novitsky, second by John Morrin to adjourn 6:02 P.M.

Next board meeting October 21, 2020 at 4:30 P.M.