



**Oshki Ogimaag Community School
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Date: February 16, 2022

Time: 4:43 P.M.

Place: Oshki Ogimaag Community School Conference Area

- 0.0 Yastrienne Spry asked about collaboration with Head Start: Step Up days and Reading Buddies. The Director reported that Step Up Day for Head Start students will occur in the spring and that Reading Buddies is not happening this year due to COVID. Patty Winchell-Dahl suggested that perhaps it could be through Zoom.
- 1.0 Call meeting to order 4:43 P.M.
- 2.0 Reading of Mission Statement, Patty Winchell-Dahl.
- 3.0 Roll call with quorum present. Present: Carol Cleveland, Daniel Deschampe, John Morrin, Travis Novitsky, Yastrienne Spry, and Patty Winchell-Dahl. Also present Carmen Keyport, Director; Jean Spry, Administrative Assistant (notetaker); and Nalani McCutcheon, Associate Director of Charter School Authorizing, Osprey Wilds (via Zoom). Absent: Erik Redix (excused).
- 4.0 Motion by Yastrienne Spry, second by John Morrin to approve agenda items, reports, and minutes from the January 5, 2022 meeting with corrections. Novitsky pointed out that on 6.0 on the January minutes his remarks are misrepresented. His question was not whether high bank account balances would impact future funding but instead if those balances could be taken back if not spent. Winchell-Dahl said the teachers did a good job with the Ojibwe culture, DEI, and professional development sections of their reports. Winchell-Dahl asked about training and spending money for the Director, arguing she has a lot of duties included with her job. Winchell-Dahl also suggested stress relief for the staff such as massages and meditation classes. All in favor – motion carried 5-0.
- 5.0 Motion by Carol Cleveland, second by Daniel Deschampe to nominate Patty Winchell-Dahl as Chairman, Yastrienne Spry as Vice-chairman and Erik Redix as Secretary-Treasurer. Patty Winchell-Dahl and Erik Redix will remain authorized signatories for checking and money market accounts at Security State Bank, Grand Marais, MN and share savings and certificate deposit as well as the patronage reward at North Shore Federal Credit Union, Grand Portage, MN. Director Carmen Keyport will remain as the person to contact to receive information about said accounts at Security State Bank and North Shore Federal Credit Union. All in favor – motion carried 5-0.
- 6.0 Motion by John Morin, second by Yastrienne Spry to approve Financial Expenditures & Revenues for January. There was discussion on the impact of higher food and fuel costs. There was debate about keeping two bus routes to more effectively space students out. All agreed it was a good idea to keep two bus routes for now. Cleveland-aye; Deschampe-aye; Novitsky-aye; Morrin-aye; Spry-aye; motion carried 5-0.
- 7.0 Motion by Yastrienne Spry, second by Travis Novitsky to approve updated 2021-22 budget. American Rescue Plan funds (\$1750) could go toward new computer in Special Education room. There is Esser III Learning Recovery Funds that could go toward field trips, step up days, and salaries (paras or Indian Home School Liaison). Cleveland asked about \$10,000 for signage. The Director responded that the Grand Portage National Monument

will be contracted to create and install a new sign. Cleveland suggested there be indoor Ojibwe language signs as well. Cleveland-aye; Deschampe-aye; Morrin-aye; Novitsky-aye; Spry-aye; motion carried 5-0.

- 8.0 Motion by Travis Novitsky, second by John Morrin to approve Financial Audit. There was discussion about the segregation of accounting duties. The Director reported that this is hard in a small school and compounded by staff shortages. The Board had no concerns about this. Cleveland-aye; Deschampe-aye; Morrin-aye; Novitsky-aye; Spry-aye; motion carried 5-0.
- 9.0 Motion by Carol Cleveland, second by Yastrienne Spry to approve Federal Tax Form 990. No questions or concerns about this. Cleveland-aye; Deschampe-aye; Morrin-aye; Novitsky-aye; Spry-aye; motion carried 5-0.
- 10.0 Motion by John Morrin, second by Travis Novitsky to accept Vote of Concurrence from the Parent Committee. All in favor – motion carried 5-0.
- 11.0 Discussion of EE Evaluation. Winchell-Dahl suggested that we document more of what we do and that we should reevaluate at the end of the year. Novitsky noticed a typo: Page 10 it says the school meets the standard but on a chart on page 4 it says the school approaches standard. The Director agreed to let them know. The board wanted to know how to move forward. The Director reported that Osprey will be here on March 4 for a half day visit. The Director expressed interest in a longer visit and feedback from the visit. Winchell-Dahl agreed to write a letter requesting this. Deschampe asked if we can specify a longer visit in our authorizing contract. The Director agreed to contact Great Expectations to see how many visits they get and for how long.
- 12.0 Board training: Chapter 18: *Book of Charter School Board* led by Patty Winchell-Dahl. Winchell-Dahl reported that the chapter dealt with strategic planning. The author suggested 4-6 major outcomes and that the Executive Director should create a strategic plan for the school that has 4-6 major outcomes and can be able to evolve easily. Winchell-Dahl suggested we review our charter at a later meeting and review other charter schools that achieve their long term goals. John Morrin agreed to present Chapter 19 at the March meeting.
- 13.0 Motion by Yastrienne Spry, second by John Morrin to adjourn 6:26 P.M. All in favor – motion carried 5-0.

Next meeting March 16, 2022 at 4:30 P.M.