



**Oshki Ogimaag Community School  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Date: April 20, 2022**

**Time: 5:01 P.M.**

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

0.0 A letter to the Board from parents of a Kindergarten student was presented. These are the same parents that had voiced concerns to John Morrin that were discussed at the March meeting. Novitsky inquired about state attendance laws. The Director stated the student has missed more days than they have attended. Van Dyne stated that work was sent home during the students' absences and none was returned. Winchell-Dahl asked Van Dyne if the student is able to complete tasks equivalent to their peers. Van Dyne responded the student is not at the skill level to proceed to First Grade (letter and number recognition, spelling, and social skills) and will not be able to get there in the remaining six weeks of school even if the student attended everyday. Olson stated that since she has been hired she has offered to provide transportation to the family. Winchell-Dahl agreed to write a letter to the parents summarizing the facts and the Board's position on this matter.

Another letter was shared with the Board from an anonymous parent asking why students were required to wear masks. Winchell-Dahl asks Olson and Van Dyne what they thought about students use of masks. Both responded students don't want to wear them and we should get rid of them. The Director stated the federal mask mandate on school buses is no longer in effect. Motion by Erik Redix, second by John Morrin to add an item to the agenda about the mask mandate. All in favor – motion carried 5-0.

1.0 Call meeting to order 5:01 P.M.

2.0 Reading of Mission Statement, John Morrin.

3.0 Roll call with quorum present. Present: Carol Cleveland, John Morrin, Travis Novitsky, Erik Redix, Yastrienne Spry, and Patty Winchell-Dahl. Also present Carmen Keyport, Director; Nalani McCutcheon, Associate Director of Charter School Authorizing, Osprey Wilds; Jean Spry, Administrative Assistant (notetaker). Absent: Daniel Deschampe (excused).

4.0 Motion by Yastrienne Spry, second by Travis Novitsky, to approve agenda items, reports, and minutes from the March 16, 2022 meeting. Winchell-Dahl commented on the 4-6 classroom trip to the Northhouse Folk School and that the class was good and that it was good for our students to experience a new place. The Board once again urged the Director to help Van Dyne find resources for the DEI section of her report. Winchell-Dahl expressed gratitude to Redix for hosting the Osprey Wild group. All in favor – motion carried 5-0.

5.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by John Morrin to approve Financial Expenditures & Revenues for March. Winchell-Dahl inquired as to which of the funds could carryover. The Director responded that the Esser funds could carryover but others such could not but would be expended by the end of the year. Winchell-Dahl brought up building maintenance such as peeling paint on the windows. Morrin agreed to bring a list of needs to the Tribal Council. Cleveland-aye; Morrin-aye; Novitsky-aye; Redix-aye; Spry-aye; motion carried 5-0.

- 6.0 Motion by Travis Novitsky, second by Carol Cleveland to approve update to 2021-22 calendar. The Director proposed making up the recent snow day on May 6, which is a staff in-service day. All in favor – motion carried 5-0.
- 7.0 Nalani McCutcheon from Osprey Wild addressed the Board. She provided an overview of the renewal process and said she was looking forward to partnering with the Board in ensuring the renewal. She also noted that she reviewed prior meeting minutes where the Board expressed frustration with Osprey’s feedback and frequency of visits. She stated that Osprey is a partner of the school and seeks to improve the school without seeming adversarial.
- 8.0 Discussion of Parent Survey. The Director reported that 6 parents responded to the parent survey and most responses were positive. Winchell-Dahl expressed frustration that more parents aren’t responding. Spry suggested that the survey not be sent home in backpacks.
- 9.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by John Morrin to approve ending the mask mandate effective immediately. Winchell-Dahl suggested a robo call following the meeting informing parents and that masks were still recommended per CDC guidelines. All in favor – motion carried 5-0.
- 10.0 Board training: Chapter 19: *Book of Charter School Board* led by John Morrin. Spry will present Chapter 20 at the May meeting.
- 11.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by Carol Cleveland to adjourn at 6:21 P.M. All in favor – motion carried 4-0.

Next meeting May 18, 2022 at 4:30 P.M.