



## Oshki Ogimaag Community School Regular Meeting Minutes

**Date: January 19, 2023**

**Time: 4:30 P.M.**

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

0.0 Public and Parent comment session. Winchell-Dahl remarked that she would like to increase public awareness of the importance of the OPCS board because the school could not exist without its board. No school board would mean no school.

1.0 Call meeting to order 4:51 P.M.

2.0 Reading of Mission Statement, John Morrin.

Winchell-Dahl inquired whether to change the K-6 part of the mission statement. Deschampe would like to know whether the school would have grades up to 6<sup>th</sup> in the future. Novitsky recommended that the K-6 part of the mission statement should stay. The rest of the board agreed.

3.0 Roll call with quorum present. Present: Jaye Clearwater, Daniel Deschampe, John Morrin, Travis Novitsky, and Patty Winchell-Dahl. Also, present Carmen Keyport, Director; Yastrienne Spry, Administrative Assistant (notetaker).

4.0 The Director asked the Board whether to take off agenda item 6.0. Winchell-Dahl would like the Board to vote on taking out agenda items 6.0 and 7.0.

Motion by Jaye Clearwater, second by John Morrin to take out agenda items 6.0 and 7.0. All in favor – motion carried 4-0.

Motion by Travis Novitsky, second by Daniel Deschampe to approve agenda items, reports, and minutes from November 16, 2022. Winchell-Dahl expressed her enjoyment on reading the teachers' reports. She noted that Jeana van Dyne's report is missing professional development. Deschampe inquired on whether there would be story telling event this year and the Director confirmed that there will be one. Winchell-Dahl recommended for the AIEA (American Indian Ed Application) email to be shared with the staff to boost morale. Winchell-Dahl asked about students testing and would like to know the results. Winchell-Dahl then asked about students' attendance. The Director responded that most are doing well, some are struggling but generally better this year. Deschampe asked whether those students with low attendance have been contacted with letters in which the Director responded that they have and that we call them daily sometimes more than once. Winchell-Dahl is hopeful that students' attendance will improve now that Covid infections have subsided. Novitsky made a comment on students learning to write cursive. The Director shared how proud the students are of their work. The board then discussed about learning cursive in school. Novitsky expressed his appreciation on Tina Gatzke's report. All in favor – motion carried 4-0.

5.0 Motion by Daniel Deschampe, second by John Morrin to approve Resignation of Erik Redix from School Board. Winchell-Dahl would like to send a letter to Erik Redix letting him know that the Board accepted his resignation with regrets. Deschampe inquired about Yastrienne Spry's resignation from the board. The Director explained that Spry's term was up. Carol Cleveland's term was up as well. Novitsky stated his commitment to stay with the board until there is a replacement. The board discussed the importance of finding board members above the quorum. All in favor – motion carried 4-0.

6.0 Motion by Travis Novitsky, second by Daniel Deschampe to approve North Shore Credit Union and Security State Bank as our Financial Institutions. All in favor – motion carried 4-0.

- 7.0 Motion by Jaye Clearwater, second by Travis Novitsky to approve financial expenditures & revenues from November & December. Winchell-Dahl inquired about the table format which the Director responded that it's the same. Winchell-Dahl inquired about some revenues. The Director explained that one is a grant for fluorescent vests that Jaye Clearwater wrote, and the other is from Lutheran church without any spending restrictions. Winchell-Dahl asked about building heating cost. The Director replied that the school does not pay for heat. Novitsky asked for school sign updates. The Director is working on it. Winchell-Dahl would like to know who will install the sign. The Director explained that we will install it. Clearwater-aye; Deschampe-aye; Morrin-aye; Novitsky-aye; – motion carried 4-0.
- 8.0 Motion by Daniel Deschampe, second by John Morrin to approve Indian Policy & Procedures (IPP). Morrin inquired about Parent Committee. The Director explained that they meet a few times a year and that a meeting is due soon. All in favor – motion carried 4-0.
- 9.1 #205 Open Meeting and Closed Meetings Policies tabled.  
The Director explained that #205 Policies were carried over from the last meeting, but she is unsure why. Winchell-Dahl recalled that it was Erik Redix who proposed for the board to discuss the policies further with the focus on how the meetings are being recorded. The board discussed on how meetings are going to be recorded. Novitsky recommended the school to purchase a digital recorder. Winchell-Dahl pointed out the section on closed meetings that should be discussed further. Morrin agreed since closed meetings should be scheduled in advance according to the policy drafts. Winchell-Dahl asked for the Director's input on both drafts. The Director pointed out that both are similar. Deschampe suggested the board to consult with more knowledgeable people.
- 9.2 Motion by Travis Novitsky, second by Jaye Clearwater to approve policy #401 Equal Opportunity in Employment Statement. All in favor – motion carried 4-0.
- 9.3 Motion by John Morrin, second by Daniel Deschampe to approve policy #402 Disability Nondiscrimination Policy All in favor – motion carried 4-0.
- 10.0 Board training: Chapter 22: *Book of Charter School Board* by Patty Wichell-Dahl. Next month's training Chapter 23: *Two People Every Board Should Hire* by Jaye Clearwater.
- 11.0 Motion by Travis Novitsky, second by John Morrin to adjourn at 5:56 P.M. All in favor – motion carried 4-0. Next meeting February 15, 2023 at 4:30 P.M.