



**Oshki Ogimaag Community School
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Date: September 19, 2019

Time: 4:38 P.M.

Place: Oshki Ogimaag Community School Conference Area

Present: Vallen Cook, John Morrin, Leslie Olson, and Erik Redix. Also present Carmen Keyport, Director, and Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant. Absent (excused): Patty Winchell-Dahl. Absent Jared Swader.

- 0.0 No Public and Parent comments.
- 0.1 Call meeting to order 4:38 P.M.
- 2.0 Reading of Mission Statement, Vallen Cook.
- 3.0 Roll call with quorum present.
- 4.0 Motion by Vallen Cook, second by Erik Redix to approve agenda items as well as Director report and minutes from August 24, 2019 meeting. All in favor – motion carried. Director reported the Grade 1 & 2 Teacher is taking medical leave for 6-8 weeks. Grades 1 & 2 are being combined with Kindergarten, bringing the total of that classroom to 15 students. Director has posted ads for a long term substitute but has also placed an ad for another paraprofessional to help in case no one applies to the long term substitute position.
- 5.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by John Morrin to approve Financial Expenditures & Revenues for August. All in favor – motion carried. The Director noted that henceforth the Reconciliation Worksheet Report and Journal Entry Listing will be included with the Financial Expenditures.
- 6.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by John Morrin to approve resignation of Peggy Peterson Special Ed Teacher. All in favor – motion carried. Discussion of open Special Ed Teacher position. Director has posted ads in local papers and websites (Facebook, Boreal, etc.) but noted the challenge in filling the position due to the scarcity of Special Ed Teachers in Minnesota, especially in our area. Director reported that contracting an online service may be a possibility given how many students need this service. We currently do this for speech services and it works well for our students.
- 7.0 Motion by John Morrin, second by Vallen Cook to approve the Director (Carmen Keyport) as Identified Official with Authority (IOwA). All in favor – motion carried.
- 8.0 Discussion of 2019-2020 Annual Charter School Assurances. Erik Redix inquired as to whether the religious assurances such as prayer included traditional Ojibwe language offerings with asemaa (tobacco). The Director clarified this issue, stating that the Assurances categorized Ojibwe language offerings as cultural not religious.
- 9.0 Discussion of 2019-2020 EE goals. Director reported that during staff in-service week, a comprehensive plan was mapped out to more effectively utilize the time at Waaban. Waaban is a central part of our Environmental Education program.

- 10.0 Discussion of Recognition of the 10th anniversary of the founding of Oshki Ogimaag Community School at the Minnesota Association of Charter Schools (MACS) Annual Meeting, October 3, 2019. Since the MACS Annual Meeting occurs in St. Paul on a day school in session, the Director noted the difficulty of sending school staff. John Morrin volunteered to represent the school at the meeting.
- 11.0 Discussion of Playground. The Director relayed the concern of both staff and students. The playground technically belongs to the Grand Portage Community Center and the school is allowed to use it, meaning that any improvements are administered through by the Center Director, which is currently a vacant position. A few years back, the community center was awarded a grant for improvements to the playground which due to problems with contractor were only partially completed. The result is that there are currently two stations in the playground (both for smaller children) and the rest is empty. The Director has been in contact with Grand Portage Programs Administrator Paula Schaeffbauer, and gave the school some options make playground nicer. Based on what options were presented, the Board suggested wood chips and putting back up the basketball hoops and other playground equipment that was taken down prior to the "improvements."
- 12.0 Board Training: Discussion of "Chapter 7: Governing Versus Managing." Tabled until next meeting.
- 13.0 Motion by John Morrin, second by Erik Redix to adjourn 5:28 P.M.

Next board meeting October 16, 2019 at 4:30 P.M.

