

**Minutes**  
**OGCS Charter School Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday  
6 PM  
February 8, 2012

OGCS Admin Office  
16900 Hwy. 9  
Boulder Creek, CA. 95006

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mary Ann Shapiro
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Led by Mary Ann Shapiro
3. **ROLL CALL:** by Kim Beaumont, OGCS Secretary. The following were present: Becky Cote, President; Janet Marsh, CFO; Mary Ann Shapiro, Secretary; Eric Schoffstall, Education Coordinator, IEM; John Wilberger, District Liaison, OGCS; Directors: John Bennett, Katie Buehlmann, Lisa Craddock, Yvette Dickey, Sarah Frank, Amy Goodson, Catherine Gordon, Mary Hayashi, Melissa Hunter, Maria Ianetta, Melody Kragh, Melissa Luper, Laura Milburn, Stacy Olivier, Celine Scott, Josie Steigman, Kim Windsor.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Agenda approved by roll call vote: 15 approve, 0 disapprove, 0 abstained.
5. **WELCOME OF THE BOARD:** Mary Ann Shapiro welcomed all to the meeting, thanking Directors for their commitment to participate. A quorum was established!
6. **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC** There were no new issues brought to the Board at this time.

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

A. Consent Agenda - Items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be consistent with school policies and carry the recommendation of the Administration. The Consent Agenda may be enacted by one motion with a Roll Call vote. There will be no separate discussion of the items unless a board member or citizen so requests, in which case the designated item(s) will be considered following approval of the remaining items.

- a. Approval of the November 9, 2011 Minutes

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: \_\_\_\_\_ Yvette Dickey

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_ Maria Ianetta

Approved by roll call vote: 16 approve, 0 disapprove, 0 abstained.

**8. REPORTS**

A. IEM Report – Eric Schoffstall: Eric reported that the ILP project is still underway to provide support for families seeking to support their students individual learning styles. Also underway is the Alumni Survey. Past students are being surveyed this year by IEM staff to determine the life/educational paths taken after graduation from OGCS. This will infer how successful our educational model is. Also current news is the hiring of a consultant from IEM to act as a constructive position taker to speak to the value, or lack thereof, of current standardized testing in CA. As the state ramps up their commitment to testing as an exclusive form of accountability, IEM schools would like to present an alternative, more accurate measure to determine school success. Also exciting is the hiring of a technical contractor who will set up electronic submission of rollsheets and signatures, adding ease for parents and ESs. Melody Kragh asked if a survey could be included in the Alumni study that would track not only how many students went on to college, but which colleges they are attending, and if they graduated within 4 years. Eric said he felt that this variable could be included in the survey.

B. School data update – Janet Marsh: Janet reported on basic school data: As of the meeting date, OGCS has 1, 778 students actively enrolled. Out of this number, 283 are high school students. Out of the

high school population, 4 are 1<sup>st</sup> semester graduates, and approximately 45 seniors are expected to graduate. There are 91 Education Specialists on staff. Janet added that the Alumni Survey, which will be helpful during the upcoming WASC visit, takes long time due to the amount of students needed to contact, and the change in contact addresses, etc. Contacting previous students is a project that has been on-going since August, 2011. Janet mentioned that as a result of office staff commitment, we are now receiving quite a response from the survey. Full results are expected by Fall, 2012. Following up on Melody's earlier comment, Janet expressed that the school is also curious about the percentage of students who go on to 4-yr. universities, to junior colleges, what fields alumni major in, and how long it took to reach their goals after high school.

Maria Ianetta suggested that an incentive be offered for participation in the survey (i.e. a raffle prize), similar to the model of businesses seeking the same information. Janet said that this would be welcomed, and to work closely with Mary Ann Shapiro to develop a sub-committee toward this cause.

Janet gave a strong reminder to Directors regarding the importance of the annual Parent Survey. She encouraged all to submit their surveys asap—tomorrow, if possible! Janet relayed to the Board of Directors that each survey is read by herself and Becky Cote, and that the feedback and suggestions are taken seriously when planning the following school year. Janet added that while she wants to hear when parents are unhappy, it is also productive to hear from parents regarding what is working, what the parents do like about our program. Such feedback is very helpful for the WASC team.

## 9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. Review of Committees: Mary Ann reported on the following:

1. *Park Day progress:* There is a Park Day subcommittee that meets to schedule and arrange OGCS Park Days once per semester in all the counties OGCS serves. There is one more Park Day scheduled for 2012. This sub-committee will soon schedule all 2012-2013 Park Days. These will be reflected on next year's school calendar which will include school-wide events.
2. *Fund raising progress:* The school's fundraising bank account balance is \$300.00. Fundraising programs that OGCS participates in are: e-Scrip, BoxTops for Education, Save-Mart Share Cards, Raley Quality of Life cards. Kim Beaumont, OGCS Secretary, has Quality of Life and Save-Mart cards available at the Resource Center. Parents may request a card be mailed to them, or cards may be picked up in person when visiting the Resource Center. A percentage of the monies in the fundraising account are applied to OGCS graduation ceremonies in May.

Melissa Luper asked if OGCS has investigated other stores which offer fundraising opportunities. Melissa suggested we contact Target Stores, as she has heard of much success with this store. Mary Ann said she would follow up on this suggestion. Melissa also suggested "Dinner Nights" which some restaurants offer where a percentage of profits on a particular night go to a specific school. This option might be particularly successful for franchise restaurants, as our students are spread out over 5 counties. Mary Ann said she would contact Melissa personally after the meeting to follow up on these excellent suggestions.

### B. STAR Testing: Mary Ann announced that the STAR Test sub-committee members will be contacted and asked to volunteer at an OGCS STAR test site. STAR test sites need help with checking-in students, assisting with teachers with practical (not testing) matters, providing snacks, etc. If you are able to help teachers and are in direct contact with students, a security clearance will be required. (An example of this type of assistance would be guiding young children to the restroom.)

### C. Graduation 2012 : Mary Ann Shapiro reported on the following:

1. Date and times – May 12, 2011. The first graduation planning meeting, which will include Graduation Sub-Committee members will be next Monday, February 13, at 10:00 am. We are looking for a guest speaker who can address what it means to be a "life long learner" and can support our model of education. In the past, we have been privileged to have a .com millionaire (who homeschooled), and a college professor speak at graduation. (Note: Since this meeting it has been determined by the Directors that there will not be a graduation speaker scheduled for this year. Instead, the focus will be on student musical

performances, ES commentary for graduates, and a slide show presentation of student educational accomplishments.)

D. Next Year's Board: Mary Ann asked that all Directors speak with other OGCS parents about the experience of serving on the Board of Directors. Each year the school has vacancies to fill as members of the Board of Directors rotate off after their term is completed. The school holds an election for vacancies in May. Mary Ann asked that current Board of Directors speak with friends and encourage them to nominate themselves or another OGCS parent. Serving on the Board of Directors helps parents feel truly involved with the school. Please forward any names/nominations to Mary Ann Shapiro at [ogliaison@ieminc.org](mailto:ogliaison@ieminc.org). We would like to have all vacancies filled and the Board of Directors list firmly established before the beginning of the next school year, Fall, 2012.

#### **10. MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn:** \_\_\_\_\_ Laura Milburn \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by:** \_\_\_\_\_ Josie Steigmann \_\_\_\_\_

**Result:** \_\_\_\_\_ unanimous approval: 16 approved, 0 disapprove, 0 abstained. \_\_\_\_\_

Minutes were respectfully submitted by Kim Beaumont, Secretary for Ocean Grove Charter School, 16900 Highway 9, Boulder Creek, CA 95006.