

Oceanside Collegiate Academy Board of Directors Meeting
580 Faison Rd Mt Pleasant, SC 29466
August 24, 2021 4:00pm

- Call to order/Welcome- Marvin Arnsdorff- Board members in attendance are Kira Perdue, Gary Nestler, Greg Smith, Sandra Patrick, Robin Lewis (via phone). Others in attendance are Todd Helms, Mike D'Angelo, Andy Patrick, Christina Brown, Mark Meyer. Eric Miller and Mike Miller attended via phone.
- Mission Statement- Oceanside Collegiate Academy will serve high school students in a safe, small, family-centered setting who seek the opportunity and challenge of a rigorous curriculum, high academic standards, outstanding athletics while earning up to two years of college credit while in high school.
- Approval of Agenda –Greg Smith motioned to approve agenda. Kira Perdue seconded. Unanimous
- Approval of minutes –Sandra Patrick made a motion to approve minutes of previous meetings (06.22.21, 07.02.21, 08.09.21 & 08.18.21), seconded by Gary Nestler. Motion passed unanimously.
- Public Comment/Introduction of Guests – Several parents had comments.
 - Joye Feinzig—suggested last night’s presentation from CIE was one sided and unfair. Will stand by those people who brought us here. This board is eager to make the board the best they can be. Thanked the board
 - Dennis Patrick—start with the law, look at intent the legislature had. I came to the conclusion this school is the embodiment of what they had in mind when they enacted the Charter School Act. Felt last night’s presentation was disingenuous. Maybe some adjustments need to be made, but to threaten to close the school is uncalled for.
 - Cynthia Jones—what is the protocol for student to made available to play sports? (will be answered during Q&A). Only half a credit short and not allowed to play his junior year. Emergency surgery and COVID took him out to school. Received no letter telling me her son was on the line. I reached out to coaches for help.
 - Ali Faile – We love the school and the kids, thank you Board members. Listened to CIE session yesterday and it was extraordinarily concerning. I’m confident there are people who don’t support school choice, but we need to make sure we are not giving people ammunition to attack us with. Compliance is mandatory. We can’t tell regulatory authorities their standard is wrong. Implore you to be transparent. We need to know how you’re responding in fine detail.
- Athletic Director’s Report/Mark Meyer – Fall season rolling.
 - Weight room full every day. Conditioning Coach there from 9-6 daily.
 - Turf field still on track for 2021 completion hopefully before football playoffs.
 - Gym audio is being upgraded.
 - Basketball court lanes have been touched up.

- Over 33% of our student body is actively engaged right now in athletics. Probably 60% will be the year long number.
- Tennis beat Porter Gaud yesterday.
- Stanford coach complimented the school's academics.

- Principal Report/Christina Brown –
 - Will increase social media efforts
 - Current enrollment is 653
 - Drop off and pick up lines going well
 - Staffing: looking for Math and English teachers and a Special Ed teacher (all high school level)
 - Dual Enrollment: includes creative writing and intro to business
 - Lottery for next year: applications start September 1, lottery held in October.
 - COVID: preparations in place for supplies, we already have sanitation stations, etc.; 9 students currently out with COVID.
 - Facilities: working with HVAC warranty and roof warranty. Looking for space for additional offices and possibly another classroom.

- Operations Report/Erik Miller –
 - Grants re: corona virus relief fund. Allocated \$167,000. Deposited on August 20. Also working on Cares Act grant – approved for 83% of 161,000 budget. In process of closing out remainder of it.
 - We have to work with CIE to meet deadlines, has been very difficult. Because of lack of proper management and procedures Erskine has in place.
 - Last couple weeks we conducted a fiscal training session with OCA staff. To cover policies adopted by the Board in late March.
 - Turf Field – we are in holding pattern because we are finishing permitting with DHEC (storm water) and with the town. Expect them to be completed by middle to end of next month. Then Brightview will be ready to start work on the 60-90 day project.
 - Accounts Payable Policy: Board approved at the end of March that we don't need to approve purchase orders for anything under \$1500. We sent that policy to Erskine. Erskine rejected that policy because it didn't meet their standard. They say all expenses should be accompanied by a purchase order. We will need to choose to amend that (or not) during the next Board meeting.

- Finance Report/Mike Miller –
 - Revenues were short of budget. Revenue totaled \$554,000 for the month of July 2021. This compares to budgeted revenue of \$625,000.
 - CARES Act revenue is received on a reimbursement basis and no money from this program was received in July. Approximately \$192,000 of reimbursements have been approved for payment and will be shown as revenue when received.
 - See attached full financial report for details on expenses, net profit and operating cash balances.

- Board Chair Report/Marvin Arnsdorff –
 - CIE Update:
 - Marvin made statement re: history of founding OCA and issues with CIE.
 - Tyler Taylor reviewed timeline and details of the 5 findings of the institute, as follows:
 - 1. *We didn't submit our fiscal year 2020 audit:* at the end of each fiscal year we retain a completely independent financial firm to conduct and audit. Gave detailed timeline on how we were told we could not submit until allegations are resolved.
 - 2. *OCA failed to comply with racial composition compliance:* Public school open to all students in SC and we conduct a random public lottery. Explained racial composition 2-step analysis under law in SC. OCA is in compliance with racial composition requirements.
 - 3. *OCA Board failed to manage Pinnacle – school funds were made to pay a lobbying firm that worked with Pinnacle:* OCA Board was unaware. Pinnacle immediately acknowledged their error and paid OCA back.
 - 4. *OCA Board failed to manage Pinnacle in connection to another school's facility founding:* Explained EB-5 financing and that charter schools sometimes use EB5 financing. Explained the lack of financial support SC gives charter schools. Discussed the timeline of GCA's EB5 financing, and that 10 OCA employees of Pinnacle were put on the paperwork. The IG has confirmed that OCA is not under investigation.
 - 5. *OCA Board failed to manage Pinnacle because Pinnacle engaged subcontractors:* Explained the contract we have with Pinnacle. OCA pays Pinnacle a management fee. Institute has approved of that arrangement, when we transferred to CIE, as well as our 10 year budget plan, which showed a 15% line item for management fee. CIE now saying Board is acting inappropriately with respect to this contract.
 - Kira reviewed submitted questions and answers.
 - Parent discussion re: fixing the issue with the 10 employees who are assigned to GCA LP.
 - We need to try and fix the fact that not all parents receive emails from the automatic system used by the school.
- Executive Session: Gary Nestler motioned to move into Exec Session. Sandra Patrick seconded. Unanimous.
- Gary Nestler motioned to come out of Executive Session. Sandra Patrick seconded.

- Action Items from Executive Session: Gary Nestler made a motion to request an appeal regarding the findings as laid out by the CIE. Greg Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Adjournment – Gary Nestler motioned for adjournment. Sandra Patrick seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.