

Minutes – Approved  
Ocean Charter School Special Board Meeting  
April 23, 2007  
Ocean Charter School  
12606 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles 90066  
Called to Order: 6:09 pm by Joan Wicks, Board Chairman

Present: Lori Andrade, Patti Binder, Kami Cotler, Jefferson Eliot, Jason Haas, Tamar Kern, Sara Maun, Alex Metcalf, Nancy O'Rourke, Beth Rendeiro, Cissy Stanford, Leo Trujillo-Cox, and Joan Wicks. Absent: Deborah Fryman. A quorum was present. Wendy Teeter joined the meeting at 6:18 pm.

### **OCS Director Candidate Interview**

The Board interviewed OCS Director Candidate Dr. Peter Samaranayake. Trustee Beth Rendeiro led the structured part of the interview.

Patti Binder left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

### **Director Search Task Force Report**

Task force member Beth Rendeiro announced that the task force would be reviewing references for candidates Joan Ingle and Dr. Peter Samaranayake as well as seeking additional writing samples from them. The task force would further schedule meetings between these candidates and the OCS faculty and the OCS community. Ms. Rendeiro also reported that the task force would shortly conduct a phone interview with a third potential director candidate and would be setting up an interview with a fourth.

Chairman (and task force member) Joan Wicks asked the present teachers to provide the Board collective input on their priorities in the selection of a new Director and asked that the teachers provide individual comments on the particular director candidates.

### **Executive Committee Report**

Chairman Wicks reported that the Executive Committee and its outside expert, Sean Mason, had completed the investigation requested by the OCS Faculty in writing at the February 7, 2007 Board meeting. The Faculty had alleged OCS's Co-Directors had acted unprofessionally and disrespectfully in communicating with OCS Games instructor Rosamond Pope regarding Ms. Pope's mid-year resignation. Mr. Mason spoke with all witnesses to the alleged events and found the claims of improper conduct made in the letter to be mostly unsubstantiated. Given this finding, the Executive Committee found no basis for taking any disciplinary action against the Co-Directors.

In his report, Mr. Mason also identified a breakdown in communication between the Faculty and Administration and emphasized the need for better communication between Faculty, Administration, and the Board.

Trustee Sara Maun and Co-Director Kami Cotler praised the session Mr. Mason held with the faculty. Trustee Nancy O'Rourke and Vice Chairman Leo Trujillo-Cox stressed

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the need for the Board to increase its oversight of the Faculty-administration relations as OCS moved forward with a new Director.

**Closed Session**

The Board adjourned to closed session at 9:40 p.m. pursuant to Brown Act section 54957.6. Director Search Task Force members Jefferson Schierbeek and Andrea Reibsamen were in attendance. The Board discussed issues relating to public employee appointment. No actions were taken.

Joan Wicks and Kami Cotler left the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Closed session adjourned: 8:39 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Jason Haas, Secretary  
OCS Board of Trustees