

**Olympic Christian School  
Board Meeting Minutes—July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**In attendance:**

Board members: Ian Barclay, Dan Hendrickson, Vern Swenson, Alicia Scofield, Mitch Johnson  
Staff: Mrs Gillespie  
Parents and others: (Ian Barclay)

Dan welcomed all in attendance to the meeting.

**Scripture and Opening Prayer:** Dan Hendrickson

Dan recited Matthew 19:14 where Christ says “Suffer the little children to come to me, because such is the kingdom of God.” This is a crucial principle to OCS and our participation in the school. He also recited the Great Commission in Matthew 28, where Christ says “Go into the world and teach them everything I have taught you, baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” Dan noted that Jesus is “into teaching.” He's not just the Son of God; He also created the entire universe. So when you teach physics or science you are teaching about Jesus. Dan said it was a pleasure to be a part of that great commission with the board. He then opened in prayer.

Dan welcomed everyone a second time and proclaimed that it would be a great year. The golf tournament is coming up and “we're painting that building, hallelujah.”

**Approval of minutes:**

Vern moved to approve the minutes from the June OCS board meeting. The minutes were approved.

**Finance Committee: Raechel Allen, Treasurer**

Raechel was not present. Dan reported that there has not been a finance committee meeting lately but one is planned for later this month. At our last meeting the budget showed a very small positive balance at the end of the year which, when you add in a few new students that have just enrolled, “looks pretty good.” We can say with confidence we can hire the same number of teachers as we had last year [at minimum]. If we can get a few more students we can hire another teacher. Mitch said if we can hire two more teachers then we will only have one split class, and we are praying hard for that. Alicia reminded us that preschool may have a slight loss because of some enrollment openings: they can still take 16 more students. They need about 60 students total to make their budget.

**Principal's Report: Mrs Gillespie**

- We are still seeking teachers for OCS' main campus, and we have some good candidates [in the application/interview process].
- We have 73 students enrolled so far for this fall, with one more testing this week.
- Most of our curriculum has already arrived for the upcoming school year.
- We have some library helpers coming in later this summer to help get it ready for fall, including a lot of new books that will be cataloged and shelved.
- Our teachers are enjoying their summer. Mrs Gillespie is in the office most days, and is also

enjoying the summer.

- Our testing results came back looking very nice for last year. They are especially strong for the third grade level and up, based on standardized testing.

Mitch asked if there are any plans for a “summertime meet and greet” for parents. Mrs Gillespie said it is not on the schedule yet but she has one in mind.

- The calendar has been finalized.
- Mrs Gillespie is very excited for fall, and is preparing material for teacher in-service.

### **Staff Report:**

No staff other than Mrs Gillespie were present, but everything important was covered in the principal's report.

### **Curriculum committee: Betsy Flodstrom**

Betsy was not present. Mrs Gillespie and Betsy are looking at numbers to see what combinations of classes are going to be the best fit. We are praying [for more enrollment] to be able to hire enough teachers to split the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> classes, which combined has 20 students. Mrs Gillespie related the numbers of students in each class.

### **Development committee: Alicia Scofield**

We had our radio ad run on KONP. Those who heard it said it was great. It aired at a good time for the audience we wanted to reach. We have also had a lot of hits on our Facebook page. We have had some glitches with the web site, but will work on it to make it easier to use and update.

The preschool is having a “welcome ice cream social” in August, and we are all invited to that. It is for current students and anyone who wants to keep the teachers. Mitch reminded us that we gained some students from that event last year. Alicia noted that Mrs Murphy is good at producing graphics we can use to help promote the school [i.e. for the web site].

Mitch asked how Mrs Murphy was doing. Alicia said she was fine, although the preschool assistant Sarah will not be full time until the end of August. Mrs Kilmer also expects to have some free time and will help a lot for the first few weeks of the school year.

Dan reported that the letters for the scholarship fund continue to generate some money. Dan said he would take care of it since Raechel and Ben are away.

### **Friends of OCS Committee: Dan Hendrickson**

The owner of KONP is also a sponsor of the golf tournament and has given us the opportunity to air our ad, with additional improvisation to promote the golf tournament.

Mitch asked when the golf tournament will be. Dan replied that it would be on July 21<sup>st</sup>, in two weeks.

Dan said tournament planning is going well, and he is working with Jason Meyer. They are working well together as a team. Dan has decided he “will not just walk away from it” but it is good to share some of those responsibilities. He expressed thanks to Daja Thomas for all her administrative help with things like making spreadsheets, and lots more. We will have the committee meeting Friday night. The tournament has 80 golfers so far, as well as even more diamond level sponsors than last year.

### **Infrastructure/building report**

Dan said so far Pam's crew is sanding and chipping by hand on the main building to prepare to

paint.

Vern asked if the plumbing is “up to super good.” Mitch said it is not, but a lot of work has been done and it's working. He said the whole set-up is bad because it is old. Dan reminded us that it will be an ongoing effort to bring it up to speed over the coming years. Also, replacement of windows in the first grade classroom is included in the main building upgrade.

Mitch brought up the issues of building a fence, and security in general. He said we need to be thinking ahead. Dan said that he will share some of that information in the executive session.

**Parent input:**

Ian reminded the board that it was important to keep as much discussion as possible in the open board meeting rather than the executive session. This may not be a big deal now, but it is especially important when more parents show up and/or when the school is going through challenging periods.

Mitch reminded us that he is redoing the basketball hoops and setting them in concrete in the ground. He hopes to get that done by mid-August or so.

**Unfinished business:** none

**New business:** none

Dan closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 pm.

Submitted on 7/14/18 by Ian Barclay