

**Olympic Christian School**  
**Board Meeting Minutes—August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**In attendance:**

Board members: Ian Barclay, Dan Hendrickson, Betsy Flodstrom, Mike LaGrange, Mitch Johnson  
Staff: Mrs Gillespie  
Parents and others: (Ian Barclay, Betsy Flodstrom)

Dan welcomed all in attendance to the meeting.

**Scripture and Opening Prayer: Mitch Johnson**

Mitch summarized themes from Esther 4, 5 and 6. We are all here for a godly purpose, even if we don't know what it is. Mitch compared our situation to that of Esther, who needed a reminder of how important her job is because a lot of people were depending on her to do the right thing. The takeaway was that “for such a time as this” we have been put here for the sake of “our people.” He then played the song “For Such a Time as This” by Kim Hill on his phone to accompany a time of silent prayer. Then he opened with a word of prayer.

Dan introduced the meeting with an encouraging statement that OCS's enrollment is up and our principal is engaged, and we are looking at a good school year ahead. He is getting wonderful feedback from IBC leadership including the lead pastor, board of elders, and pastor emeritus Mike Jones. Dan said it has been a pleasure working with the board.

Mitch asked what we are doing with the Sandbox. Dan said it has been on summer recess. Dan and Tiffany confirmed that the sandbox was still on for this year, with Ms Novak representing the teachers, and Dan representing the board. Mitch questioned why Dan was still the board representative. Dan said he thought it was appropriate that he do it for another year. Mitch questioned this plan.

**Approval of minutes**

Most present had difficulty remembering anything about the minutes. Regardless, the minutes were approved.

**Finance Committee: Raechel Allen, Treasurer**

Raechel was not present. Dan said that OCS finances this year are looking to come up about even with a very small surplus or deficit. We now interface with Erika Swenson, since Kim Sutton is now the IBC church administrator. Dan is enthusiastic about the new blood in the office. Mrs Gillespie said that when their new SHELBY accounting system is finished updating, we will be able to know immediately what funds are available to the school and in what accounts. We will find out the answer to where the real “missing money” is, if it even exists.

**Principal's Report: Mrs Gillespie**

- Current enrollment stands at 53 students in the preschool and 74 in K – 8<sup>th</sup>. A handout was provided with the exact breakdown by grade level. Mrs Murphy is busy getting stuff ready for the new school year. Sadly we have no more 8<sup>th</sup> graders. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> will be combined as in last year.

- Most of our curriculum has arrived, or has been ordered and should arrive very soon.
- We're working on our inservice meetings. We're going to work a lot this year on Biblical integration, and bringing more of God's word into all lessons. We will also discuss the year's schedules and festivals.
- OCS open house will be held Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. We have planned a time of food and fellowship.
- Our Kindergarten teacher arrives from California Tuesday night, and will be here on campus on Wednesday.
- We want to have an OCS cleanup day, but we're not planning it until the smoke goes away. Mr Reeves will be finishing up some mowing this Friday. Mrs Gillespie is open to suggestions.
- Lots of prayer is going into this year.

Dan said if we have a clean up day, he will bring lunch, if he is in town.

### **Staff Report**

Other than Mrs Gillespie, none were present.

### **Curriculum Committee: Betsy Flodstrom**

The results from Bob Jones standardized testing are in. Betsy will summarize the results and present a report in September. She said we want to see how we did as a school, and we want to see a trend from two years ago when students took the same test. (This is the same "Iowa" test we did, but is statistically analyzed by Bob Jones.)

Another goal curriculum committee discussed was this year being the year that we tackle Bible curriculum.

### **Development Committee: Alicia Scofield and Ben Allen**

Alicia and Ben were not present. We will discuss this next month once they are back.

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

Dan said funds raised from the golf tournament will be really close to \$18,000 net. We're still waiting for some people who owe money and then he will sit down with the bookkeeper to make sure it is all there. We were down 24 golfers; he thought it was because they moved the OMC tournament from the day before ours. Also we raised the price from \$90 to \$120 and we did less advertising. So that was a good learning experience. Dan thanked Daja Thomas, Jason Meyer and a wonderful group of volunteers. He said it was a really nice feeling. Dan will help Jason with the tournament again next year.

FOCS will have its annual meeting in December. He hopes the same people who gave cash donations last year will be there next year as well.

### **Infrastructure/Building Report:**

Dan said the summer projects were paid 50/50 by IBC (the remainder coming from FOCS funds). We finished painting all the buildings except the admin building, and all the steps. It is done and it all looks great. We have had a lot of positive comments on it. We also have new glass pane windows in the first grade class including safety glass in the back entrance door, which is required. Kyle Downs is still going to paint the ceilings in the first and second grade classrooms which have

old water stains. We'll also be working on insulating and sealing off the floors of the main building this week. Dan is happy with all the support we have had. He said we don't want anything fancy, we just want things clean, inviting and safe.

Mike brought up options for garbage disposal. Dan said we voted last time just to do it commercially. Mrs Gillespie and Mrs Signes are working on it.

Betsy were asked about carpets. Mrs Gillespie said they were cleaned on July 30.

**Parent input:**

None

**Unfinished business:**

None

**New business:**

Mrs Gillespie brought up the topic of fundraisers. We may be down some fundraisers. Pam Boyd is still trying to hunt down Christmas trees and haven't found them yet. Betsy said if we started seeing candy a month earlier we could knock it out of the park. Mrs Gillespie said they do offer more candies for other occasions besides just our Christmas fundraiser. Dan asked Mrs Gillespie to contact Tammy Rose about it early so we can get going on it early.

Mr LaGrange asked if the school has ever done Escript with Safeway. Betsy also asked why don't we do Amazon Smile. Escript is a program whereby the school sells gift cards at face value to families after purchasing them in bulk, and keeping the profit, for the purpose of fundraising. We thought we should look at Smile again but there may be a problem with it because we are connected to IBC's non profit.

Mitch asked what has been done about parents that want to rent a room for the year. Dan said we have it on the executive agenda.

Mrs Gillespie said Little Caesars has a pizza kit fundraiser option.

Dan said if we can't get Christmas trees we'll come up with another fundraiser at that time. Ben was planning to "get back" the daddy-daughter dance from Queen of Angels. Dan said it would be great to get development committee and PTF involved. Betsy also mentioned if there are no trees, perhaps this would be a year to have another spring auction.

Mike closed the meeting in prayer. Dan thanked everyone for coming.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 pm.

Submitted on 9/8/18 by Ian Barclay