

## Agenda for the Open Classroom Steering Committee

03-09-2021 @ 6:30pm Virtual Meeting on Zoom - see next page for link

### Expected Attendees:

Role	Name		Grade	Rep (Teacher)		Grade	Rep (Teacher)
Chair (2021)	Jen Ogzewalla		K	Megan Curtis (Jamie)		3/4	Cabot Nelson (O'lynn)
Co-Chair (2022)	Aliska Julian		K	Bryn Cannon (Kristin)		5/6	Esther Pruiksma (Denny Jo)
Past Chair (2020)	Ben Demoux		1/2	Cicely Stewart (Tina B)		5/6	Natasha Thomas (Chantelle)
Vice Chair (2022)	Joe Gibbs		1/2	Niki Davis (Amanda)		7/8	Alex McCauley (Julian)
Secretary (2021)	Glenn D'Costa		1/2	Migan Orton Lightfoot (James)		7/8	Brandon Guymon (Lena)
Treasurer (2020)	Tim Kryselmire		1/2	Anna Van Wagoner (Shelten)		7/8	Jennifer Alvarado (Hilary)
Principal	Christine Marriott		3/4	Kristin Midyett (Mia)		Teacher Rep - - Little	Amber
			3/4	Ben Richardson (Amber)		Teacher Rep - Middle	Tina Montoya
			3/4	Marin Aguinaga (Tina M)		Teacher Rep - M/Upper	Julian

### Additional Attendees:

**Steering Reps – Please** join with the following Zoom code and wait to be let in. Join  
Zoom Meeting

<https://slcschools-org.zoom.us/j/99453885727?pwd=bEN3SDIMaGhENIV0aFhUdnRydUV3UT09>

Meeting ID: 994 5388 5727

**Introductions**

- For this meeting, we will do brief introductions. Just your name and kid(s).

**Calendar Items**

- There will be an opportunity to share upcoming events and calendar items with the community at each meeting. Reps should then share this information with their classes.

Date	Event	Comments
03/29 - 04/02/21	Spring Recess	
04/30/2021	Non-student Day (elementary and middle)	
05/31/2021	Memorial Day	There is school on Friday of the Memorial Day weekends
06/04/2021	8th Grade Graduation	
06/07/2021	Last Day of School	Emergency make-up day

**Acknowledgments**

- At each meeting, we take time to make public acknowledgments of successes and exceptional people and efforts within the community

Given By	Given To	Comments
Amanda S	Lindsey V	Thank you for organizing the random acts of kindness week. She made it so seamless for the online and in-person kids.
Julian	Katherine K	Thank you for lending a voice of sanity to the discussions at the board regarding COVID-19 and how to let the science guide us
Brandon G	Liz	Thank you for being the best Special Ed teacher my child has ever experienced

**PFOE Budget Report – Treasurer**

- PFOE budget is attached to the minutes' email. (2020-21 PFOE Budget 3-09-2021.pdf)
- Teachers have begun using their budgets
- Banner event is coming up where we are reaching out to local businesses. If parents (or someone they know) would be interested in supporting the school then please get in touch with Shana Alderton ([fundraisingchair@ocslc.org](mailto:fundraisingchair@ocslc.org)) or Tim Kryselmire ([treasury@ocslc.org](mailto:treasury@ocslc.org))

## Discussion/Voting Items

- Mindy Lokey will be discussing the upcoming Charter Renewal. This must be taken back to classes for discussion. This must go to the District office in May, so must take place no later than our May 11th meeting.
  - Mindy's presentation is attached to the minutes' email (CharterRenewal.pptx)
  - Ben D had a question if we have enough time to vote for the charter. Mindy clarified that it must go to the district for approval latest by Oct / Nov 2021, so that we can get it back in time for Steering to approve it before summer 2022
  - Julian asked a question if there was any kind of back and forth after we submitted the new charter to the district 5 years ago.
  - Mindy said Nicole Laird (who was the chair of the charter renewal committee) 5 years ago said there was a lot of confusion because the superintendent changed 5 years ago.
  - Cabot asked if the new charter was substantially different from the old one. Mindy said that she had slides in the presentation which showed the difference.
- We need to discuss the role that Exec Steering has taken on over the previous years as an extension of the whole Steering body. There have been discussions lately that clarify some of the items Exec Steering has taken on for the entire Steering Body may not follow our Charter. The Steering body has the authority to delegate things to Exec per the Charter. Because we could find no clear delineation, we thought it best to bring several items to the entire body and vote on what should come before the full body for a vote and what can Steering Exec can vote on.
  - Discussed process:
    - Empower Steering Exec to take a decision on any proposal that falls within the boundaries of the three scenarios below.
      - ✓ Scenario 1 → Fundraiser is presented but does not affect the budget.
      - ✓ Scenario 2 → Previously approved fundraisers that have had long-standing on the calendar.
      - ✓ Calendar items that are not fundraisers
      - ✓ Please refer to the additional attachment in the minutes' email for more information about these scenarios.
  - Can we vote on this/more discussion?

Motion	Placed by?	Seconded By?	Comments
Motion to suspend the rules as provided under the Rules of Order, as related to debate and order of amendments, so that debate can be free flowing. This shall not include rules requiring that motions be made in writing upon any member's request. And motion shall still require a motion and second to be considered.	Ben D	Aliska J	The motion did not pass unanimously.  Members were asked if there was anything that could be done to change their vote. They did not agree  Motion was passed with majority voting for a thumbs up
Motion 1: Steering Exec will have the power to approve and fast track fundraisers that do not effect taking money from PFOE or require time from faculty or staff. This will be presented to the next Steering Meeting as an	Jen O	Lena F and Natasha	Motion passed with thumbs and sideways. No thumbs down

Motion	Placed by?	Seconded By?	Comments
<p data-bbox="203 136 435 168">informational item.</p> <p data-bbox="203 247 570 489">Motion 2: Steering Exec will have the power to approve previously and standing fundraisers. This will be presented to the next Steering Meeting as an informational item.</p> <p data-bbox="203 531 594 846">Standing fundraisers are those that have been held consistently for at least two prior school years and there is an intention to have them continue an indefinite basis. Fundraisers cancelled due to Covid 19 closures shall be considered to have been skipped"</p>	<p data-bbox="621 247 691 279">Jen O</p>	<p data-bbox="820 247 951 279">Brandon G</p>	<p data-bbox="1130 247 1479 422">Christine M asked a question if this includes tweaks to existing events. It was decided that tweaks would come under Motion 1</p> <p data-bbox="1130 464 1458 562">Ben R asked we can specify the items since they are all long standing.</p> <p data-bbox="1130 604 1471 772">Amanda S suggested that if someone wants a fundraiser to be a long-standing one then they can indicate so in their proposal document.</p> <p data-bbox="1130 814 1451 913">Brandon G and Cabot wanted to define what is a long-standing fundraiser.</p> <p data-bbox="1130 955 1466 1054">Motion passed with thumbs and sideways. No thumbs down</p>
<p data-bbox="203 1138 594 1413">Motion 3: Steering Exec will have the power to approve calendar items that are not fundraisers and does not require time from faculty or staff. This will be presented to the next Steering Meeting as an informational item.</p> <p data-bbox="203 1455 516 1518"><b>Motion was taken off the agenda</b></p>	<p data-bbox="621 1138 753 1169">Brandon G</p>	<p data-bbox="820 1138 894 1169">Ben D</p>	<p data-bbox="1130 1138 1458 1346">Example of this is a parent comes and wants to do trunk or treat. No teachers, no fundraising. They just want to put it on the calendar</p> <p data-bbox="1130 1388 1458 1451">Julian asked if Philosophy Cafes would fall under this.</p> <p data-bbox="1130 1493 1451 1734">Jen O said no because that would fall under school events. This is strictly if a parent wants to hold something that does not require teachers, but they will be on school grounds</p> <p data-bbox="1130 1776 1442 1913">Ben R asked if there is no faculty or staff then what kind of legal ramifications will be there?</p> <p data-bbox="1130 1955 1393 1986">Brandon G said that is</p>

Motion	Placed by?	Seconded By?	Comments
			<p>something we want to know. If this is something on the school calendar and something goes wrong, then the school will be held liable</p> <p>Ben D said that is a good question, but that liability will existing regardless of the event approved by the steering body or by exec.</p> <p>Tina M said that in the past the parents had to rent the playground for such events which meant the school was not liable for anything.</p> <p>Amanda S said that these events are far and few. They normally go through SIC first and then</p> <p>Christine pays the faculty member who volunteers to be at such events</p> <p>Everyone voted a thumbs up</p>

- SIC Request to re-open 2021-22 Budget Discussion

- The presentation is attached to the minutes' email (Budget proposal for Steering March 9, 2021.pdf)
- Ben R asked how this is different from when we first voted. We are still letting one of the teachers go.
- Christine M responded saying that we thought it would be one of the Gen Ed teachers and not the special ed teacher. Letting a special Ed teacher go would mean that one of other two teachers certified to teach special ed would have to step-in. Those two teachers have not taught special ed in about 15 years and were not comfortable in taking up that position. Worst case scenario, we would lose the special ed teacher AND the Gen Ed teacher who would be forced to teach Special Ed.
- Additionally, the expectation was that the teacher would go back to the district and would still have a job. But the Special Ed teacher does not have the tenure and would have to lose her job
- It's very important to know that we are just doing a stop-gap arrangement here. If our enrollment numbers are not up next year, we will have to let the special ed teacher go. But by next year, she will be tenured and will not lose her job
- Christine M said that as part of the alternative plan, we will have to look at every aspect of our budget

Motion	Placed by?	Seconded By?	Comments
Motion to approve the alternative proposal put forward by Christine which described not letting go of the special ed teacher and reducing 0.5 teacher from the Gen Ed budget	Joe G	Nikki D	Motion was passed with most thumbs up and a few sideways

### Voting Items:

1. Fees Schedule: There was not time to discuss any additions to fees in prior meetings, so Christine proposes a simple vote to continue with our fees unchanged from last year.

Motion	Placed by?	Seconded By?	Comments
Motion to keep fees the same as the last few years.	Jen O	Ben D	Motion was passed with most thumbs up and a few sideways

2. Land Trust Plan for 2021-22

- Presentation is attached to the minutes' email (Land Trust Plan for 2021-2022.pdf)
- Ben R asked if the land trust money was tied up with the math specialist and was there no other way, we could use the money for something else in addition to the math specialist.
- Christine M said that our strategy for this year is to keep it the same as last year. To make changes to the plan we would require a lot of lead time
- Ben R requested to see a bigger breakdown of the school budget and Christine M said she will be presenting it shortly.

Motion	Placed by?	Seconded By?	Comments
Motion to approve the Land Trust Plan as written by the Land Trust Council on Feb 25 2021	Christine M	Ben D	Motion was passed with most thumbs up and a few sideways

3. 8th Grade Field Trip - Approval for fall 2021 8th graders to go to Canyonlands Field Institute

### Christine

- District updates and re-entry.
  - Starting March 22<sup>nd</sup> uppers will be coming 4 days a week
  - Several families are feeling more comfortable and are returning back to in-person school
- Enrollment, lottery, tours progress so far this year.
  - Lottery is looking good.
  - Intent to return is also looking good.
  - District's choice of superintendent is good per Christine M. He is a supporter of charter and magnet programs

### Community Information

- There will be **three** Executive Steering spots to fill this year. We need to get nominations and feelers out to classrooms for these spots. Note: If Exec Steering is to act as Land Trust Council, refer to 53G-7-12 for detailed requirements about secret ballot voting and notice to the community regarding how to run for a position for both parents and employees.
  - We will have specifics on the process at the meeting.
  - Steering position descriptions have been attached to the minutes' email (Exec Description.docx)

- We have asked that teachers do a sign up for committees at their next parent meeting.

Motion	Placed by?	Seconded By?	Comments
Motion to approve minutes from the Feb steering meeting	Jen O	Tim K	Motion was passed unanimously.
Motion to adjourn the meeting	Jen O	Brandon G	Everyone approved

*Before adjourning each meeting, we will ask Representatives if they have any other items*

**Next meetings:**

April 13, 2021

May 11, 2021

June 8, 2021 (If necessary)