

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the OTA Board of Directors / OTA Site Council  
November 17, 2015  
Old Town Academy, 2120 San Diego Avenue, San Diego, CA 92110

Approved: Regular Board Meeting, 12/16/15

### **Item 1 – Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance**

Call the meeting to order 7:04 p.m. Ryan Callan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Christopher Celentino - presiding

Roll call-all members present except David Cain.

A quorum of 8 members physically within the jurisdiction was present.

The following members of the public were present based upon the voluntary sign-in sheet (there may have been other members of the public present, who did not sign the sign-in sheet):

Monika Hanft, Laura Studebaker, Kristine Afansev, Jon Centofranchi, Sarah Cook, Ilana Shupper, Jeremy Turner, Jim Keith

The Board moved directly to the Agenda.

### **Item 2. Public Comment: Public Comments/Correspondence**

There being none, the Board moved forward on the Agenda.

### **Item 3. Board Member / Site Council Comments / Correspondence**

There being none, the Board moved forward on the Agenda.

### **Item 4. Consent Agenda -- Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting, October 20, 2015 and Special Meeting, November 10, 2015**

Chris Celentino-Motion to approve Oct. 20, 2015 minutes  
2<sup>nd</sup>-Morris

Both Callan and Garb abstain because they were not present, 6-0 approval of Oct. 20, 2015 minutes.

Chris Celentino-Motion to approve Special Board meeting Nov. 10, 2015 minutes, as amended to amend "Ken Olenick" on page 5 to be properly referred to as Kevin Olenick. 2nd-DesRosiers-Kutchuck  
Callan and Garb abstain because they were not present, 6-0 approval of Nov. 10, 2015 minutes.

**Item 5.**

Closed session-

7:10-Break for board members to meet with John Lemmo to discuss pending litigation, anticipated litigation, principal report on employee evaluation update. Kevin Olenick, Anna Sick, Sandra Gartland formed a sub committee to assist Mr. C with employee evaluation issues, and the Board Delegated authority to said sub-committee.

**Item 6 -- Report on closed session-7:30-Meeting reconvenes**

Chris Celentino-No resolution with the Donahues, they have terminated their lawyers, trial set for end of July, non-responsive. Mr. C informed us about teacher observations. In addition, the lawyer that was hired (May Harris) has now submitted to the Bar a request for arbitration of her fee of \$53K, and the Board is considering a counter-claim.

**Item 7 – Public Comment on closed session – none**

**Item 8 -- Board member comment on closed session- none**

**Item 9-- Discussion items Only-No Action to be Taken:**

a. Principal's Report: Jon Centofranchi-Charter renewal process, after public hearing McQuary came the next day met with student ambassadors from every class, last Thursday met with district and TVLC to discuss Special Ed. On 11/30 school board member Barrera coming to visit OTA. YMCA approved to come on campus to take measurements and give exact pricing, program anticipated to begin in Jan. Spanish begins in second quarter, parent conferences started this week. Chris Celentino commented that it was nice to have conferences back. Mr.C went to Livermore and met with all principals and came up with a common mission statement. TVLC changing name to CLC-California Learning Corporation. Principal's committee-suggested to have recess first than lunch, we made the switch and it's been successful. Calendar-181 days, need to lose a day, different proposals 2/16, 2/21, 4/17, 6/15 or make no change at all?

Chris Celentino suggested that Mr. C make a recommendation after talking with staff/teachers, student council.

b. Teacher Liasion Report: Sarah Rock Cook-This is a happy time, most teachers went to SD Unified board meeting to show support. Developed a student assessment team comprised of Cook, Schlose, and Mr. C. to develop solutions for students who another teacher has identified as needing support. Protocol is to assess, implement solutions and have weekly follow ups in order to avoid fall out.

c. Office Manager's Report: Natalie Hirsch- OTA added 6 new students, one dropped last week, contacted a first grade family to take that spot but they do not want to leave their current school mid year. New check in is working well, parents love the scanner, the District was also very impressed with our check in process. Emergency cards-27 students have not turned in, class emails are up for each grade, credits Thiago for implementing class email lists.

d. TVLC Board Meeting Report- Ken Morris-explained how TVLC started, spent time going over who, what , when , where and why they are TVLC and attempted to define what they will do, acknowledged that TVLC has gone above and beyond what is required to help OTA with our Special Ed. Noted name change from TVLC to CLC.

e. Charter Renewal Petition Effort/Report-Chris Celentino-Board voted 7-0 to move forward with TVLC, we discussed our options. Urge parents and public to write a heartfelt letter to Susan Parks before 11/20. Ms. Afansev wrote to Mrs. Park and included all other board members, Chris Celentino offered sample letters.

f. OTA Foundation Update- Hanft

i. Jog-A-Thon- monies received upwards of \$25k, noted that 12 kids did as much as the remaining 200 students.

ii. Gala Committee Report-Calderon-Filipo-Kinder/Book exchange, Father/Daughter Dance, 7<sup>th</sup> grade lunch for teachers on Thurs,, need a web master to build a web site for the Foundation, Thiago has offered to help too.

## **Item 10** Action Items

a. Action Item: Reconvene Ad hoc Task Force on Parent Handbook re:review of Uniform Policy(add J. Centofranchi to Committee)

Change verbiage to include uniforms will be received within 48 hours not within 45 minutes to the class. A glitch in square not a task force problem, go through Uniform Policy

Chris Celentino-motion to add Mr. C., Ken Morris, Laura Studebaker, Heidi weaver, Monica Hanft, and Chris Celentino to review uniform policy and make a recommendation to the Board.

2<sup>nd</sup>-Trevor Garb

8-0 approved  
Dave Cain absent

b. Action Item: Form Ad Hoc Committee re: Active budget  
What are we going to commit funds to from the Gala vs. Spending \$\$  
Chris Celentino-motion to form an Ad Hoc Committee, propose Jan. begin analysis.  
Sandra Gartland and Chris Celentino to Chair, Monica Hanft and Kristine Afansev  
also on committee.

2<sup>nd</sup>-Anna Sick  
8-0 approval  
Dave Cain absent

c. Action Item: Form Ad Hoc Committee re: LCAP Formation  
Chris Celentino-I think our community deserves to be participants and get input  
from our families to rate our academic performance. Gather info from other schools  
to see how they measure academic success. Proactive formation of 2016-2017  
LCAP.

Anna Sick, Chris Celentino, Mr. Keith, Mr. C., also request that one or two teachers  
join Committee, as determined by teachers.

2<sup>nd</sup>-Sandra Gartland  
8-0 approval  
Dave Cain absent

d. Action Item: Approve 10-15-15 to 11-12-15 Warrant listing (distributed in  
advance)  
Chris Celentino- Motion to approve. We approve these expenditures every month.  
Ken Morris- Who is Mr. Steven Fischer? (IEP Assessor)

2<sup>nd</sup>-Anna Sick  
Dave Cain-absent  
Trevor Garb-abstain and questioned what is LVLC fee?  
Chris Celentino-That is a supervisory fee to manage our academic fees  
7-0 approval

**Item 11.** Adjournment-8:12 pm