



March 23, 2026 - Board Meeting of Ocean Studies Charter School

Members present: Nicky Rudolph (President) (virtual); Marlies Tumolo, (Secretary); and members Ari Poholek (virtual), Beth Kamenstein, David Thompson and Kristen Szpak (virtual)

Absent: Charlie Rodgers (Vice President), and member David Thompson

Administration: John Shoffstall, Principal; Jessica Martinez, Assistant Principal

Guests: Carol Hoeltje, Ania Burre

5:05 PM Nicky called the meeting to order

Citizen Input/Request to Address Board of Directors-

- None

Consent Items- With a quorum present, the Board unanimously approved the following items:

- February Financials
 - GASB, Profit/Loss Budget, OSCS Financials
 - Discussed anomalies in the P/L
 - Marlies made a motion to approve Feb financials, Ari seconded the motion, all in favor, none against, motion passed.
- February Minutes
- Special Meeting Minutes
 - Beth made a motion to approve both the February meeting minutes and the special meeting minutes, Ari seconded the motion, all in favor, none against, motion passed.

Public Comment on Agenda Items-

- None

Reports and Discussions-

- **School Operations Report**
 - School Start Time Discussion –
 - New Florida law that Middle school cannot start before 8 am.
 - Our current start time is 8:15 am.
 - Changes in start time may affect after school activities. We do not have to make any adjustments because we already start later than 8 am.
 - After discussion we have decided to keep our current start time of 8:15 am.
 - Note that MCSD bus schedules are likely going to have to change as the high school adjusts start time.
 - Before Spring Break we had a unique professional learning experience where the team discussed AI and Bloom Scrolling. AI conversation was based on responses from the feedback survey.

- Action for the board to take a look at the Ocean Studies social media and enjoy some Bloom Scrolling.
- Marine Debris Derby- February 28, 8am- 11,300 lbs. in 4 hours
 - Talent show was Everglades ambassador themed.
- Visit from CSHS Team- 8th Grade Course Request- April 28- 8th Transition Day
- Spring Break/End of 3rd Quarter
- Highlights from Chile Trip
 - Meeting with local land owners
 - Data collection
 - Learned about carbon sequestration in forests
 - Students gave presentations to the nature conservancy, local scientists came in to listen
 - Ate traditional food
- Belize Trip happening now!
- 25-26 Enrollment Update (lottery if needed, April 16)
 - Social media promoting enrollement
 - Jon visited the VPKs with new enrollement flyer
 - Doing tours instead of open house
 - Free press will be running the enrollment flyers for three weeks beginning on Thursday
 - Intent to return forms going out to families next week
 - Suggestion to consider including a pre-K division in the Marine Debris Derby next year to instruce potential students and families to school culture.
- **PTA Report**
 - None
- **Fundraising Committee Report**
 - None
 - Want to get this up and running again with Board member leadership
- **Construction Committee Report**
 - Has been in discussion with a company called Kingspan who does a polycarbonate roof that can be in a colored and opaque materials. Defuses the light to reduce heat. They are going to do a cost analysis. Initial estimate of \$60 per square foot (350-400K) plus install but will have additil cost related to the structural engenerneering of the building. Looking at an arch shape. Want to include some wood interior to make it more Montessori.
- **Strategic Planning Committee**
 - Meet April 20, 4:00pm - 5:30pm- ESE Room
- **Board Recruitment Process**
 - Reviewed draft board recruitment documents and requested feedback from the board.
 - Please share feedback with Jon and Marlies will update the draft.

- **2026-2027 OSCS Budget Discussion**

- Beth motioned to approve the draft 2026-2027 OSCS Budget, Marlies seconded the motion, all in favor, none against, motion passed.

Action Items- With a quorum present, the Board unanimously approved the following items:

- 2026-2027 OSCS Budget

Adjourned at 6:25pm

Strategic Planning Meeting: Monday, April 20 at 4:00-5:30pm

Next Board Meeting: Monday, April 20 at 5:30pm-6:30pm

Current Enrollment: 180

Submitted by: Marlies Tumolo, Secretary