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**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Oakland School for the Arts**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, February 27, 2024**

**5:00 p.m.**

**Oakland School for the Arts**

**Room 302**

**530 18th Street**

**Oakland, CA. 94612**

**Board Meeting**

**February 27, 2024 @ 5pm**

**530 18th Street, Room 302 Oakland, CA. 94612**

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**Board of Directors:**

Present:

Safia Fasah, Chair Sorell Raino-Tsui

Isaac Abid Brightstar Ohlson

Amy Omand Phil Green

Absent:

Karol Saurez, Student Body President

Zora Williams, Board of Students of Color Representative

**School Staff:**

Present:

Mike Oz, Executive Director

Rodolfo Ornelas, Principal

Beth Brenner-Josef, Finance Director

Walter Harris, Director of Facilities & Security

Katy Zaugg, Director of Enrollment & Student Services

Steven Borg, Director of Advancement & Marketing

TOPICS

Call to Order and Roll-Call

* At 5:05pm by Safia Fasah

Meeting Norms and Land Acknowledgement

* Read by Steven Borg

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items (not to exceed 5 minutes)

* Safia Fasah called for public comment
* No public comments were made

Student Body President Report

* Karol Suarez was absent

Board of Students of Color Report

* Zora Williams was absent

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COSATS/CTA/NEA Sunshine Proposals

(Certificated and Non-Certificated Bargaining Units)

* COSATS representative was absent
* No public comments were made
* No board discussion

OSA Sunshine Proposals (Certificated and Non-Certificated Bargaining Units)

* Presented by Mike Oz
* No public comments were made
* No board discussion

Presentation and Approval of OUSD Local Control and Accountability

Plan (LCAP) Report (Action Item)

* Presentation made by Rodolfo Ornelas and Katy Zaugg
* No public comments were made
* Board discussed and posed questions to Rodolfo Ornelas and Katy Zaugg
* Board Approval
  + Motion to accept and approve the report: Amy Omand
  + Second Motion: Brightstar Olsen
  + Board Action: All board members presented voted yes to accept and approve the report

Presentation and Approval of 2023-24 Interim Report (Action Item)

* Presentation made by Beth Brenner-Josef
* No public comments were made
* Board discussed and posed questions to Beth Brenner-Josef
* Board Approval
  + Motion to accept and approve the report: Brightstar Olsen
  + Second Motion: Sorell Raino-Tsui
  + Board Action: All board members presented voted yes to accept and approve the report

Presentation of Selection of Auditor (Action Item)

* Presentation made by Beth Brenner-Josef
* No public comments were made
* Board discussed and posed questions to Beth Brenner-Josef
* Board Approval
  + Motion to accept and approve the report: Isaac Abid
  + Second Motion: Brightstar Olsen
  + Board Action: All board members presented voted yes to accept and approve the report

Presentation and Approval of the Annual Safety Plan (Action Item)

* Presentation made by Walter Harris
* No public comments were made
* Board discussed and posed questions to Walter Harris. Board expressed appreciation and acknowledged the challenges of such a plan given the school’s location in downtown Oakland and the related costs for safety.
* Board Approval
  + Motion to accept and approve the report: Isaac Abid
  + Second Motion: Brightstar Olsen
  + Board Action: All board members presented voted yes to accept and approve the report

Update on Metamorphosis and Fundraising

* Updates shared by Mike Oz
* Presentation attached
* No public comments were made
* Board discussed

Adjourn

* Meeting adjourned by Safia Fasah at 6:20

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**Meeting Norms**

* The Board recognizes the importance of all stakeholder voices at OSA. Collaboration and community are essential to the viability of our school.
* The purpose of this meeting is for our Board of Directors to meet with each other and conduct school business, as well as to receive input from the school staff and the community via public comment.
* Public comment may be made on topics that relate to the school. After hearing a report, members of the public have the opportunity to offer comments in a designated time prior to the Board discussion of that agenda item. Outside of public comment, members of the public are also welcome to observe the Board meeting.
* To protect student and employee privacy, please refrain from using the name or any information that could imply the identity of any student or employee.
* The Board Chair may institute a reasonable time limit for all speakers prior to the beginning of public comment. To be sure of hearing from a variety of people, minutes may not be transferred to other speakers.
* The Board cannot respond to public comment on non-agenda items. This does not mean that the Board is not listening.
* We strive to be a learning community that learns from each other. We are also a community comprised of people who care very deeply about the school. We recognize that all voices are not treated equally in our society but aim to value and respect all voices equally in this forum. We may have different idea of how to achieve goals, and we may feel passionately about our points of view. This needs to be a safe space for a variety of opinions. Finally, we address each other in a respectful manner to foster collaboration, build community, and to model good citizenship for our students.

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**Land Acknowledgement**

OSA is situated on Huichin, the unceded territories of the Chochenyo-speaking Lisjan Ohlone peoples, who have lived upon this land since the beginning of time. Indigenous peoples – in California, the Americas, and around the world – are still here.

OSA recognizes the historic genocide and ethnic cleansing inflicted upon Indigenous peoples in California and the Americas, including their forced removal from ancestral lands, and the deliberate and systematic destruction of their communities and culture. These conditions are ongoing and Indigenous people have been fighting against cultural erasure and for their sovereignty since the beginning of colonization.

To this end, we as a community strive to honor the Indigenous members of our community, uplift their voices and contributions to arts and culture, center Indigenous peoples’ worldviews in our classrooms, and support Indigenous sovereignty everywhere.

This land acknowledgement is a small act in supporting indigenous communities and centering the Justice, Equity, Diversity, and inclusion work within the Oakland School for the Arts. Solidarity with indigenous nations can include:

1. Donating time and money to Indigenous-led Organizations;
2. Amplifying the voices of Indigenous people leading grassroots change movements; and
3. Returning land.

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