

**OCSA
Board of Trustees**

Open Session Minutes

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

Meeting called to order at: 5:27 PM

1. Roll call

Trustee Present Name:
Halim Dhanidina
Vince Foley
Jessica Herthel
Gary Humphreys
Paul Satkin

Staff: Teren Shaffer, President & CEO
Steve Wagner, COO
Michael Ciecek, Principal

2. Public Comment – NONE

3. Student Report – Sophomore students Sophie Kim and Sophia Okerlund, (Acting '26), under the leadership of Ryan Haywood presented recent and future student events and activities.

4. Governance – NONE

5. Consent Slate

- Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve: Foley
Second: Herthel
Approved unanimously
- Schedule of Personnel Transactions - NONE
- Standard Financial Reports - NONE
- Schedule of Unbudgeted Expenditures - NONE

6. President & CEO Report –

Celebrations

- The Serenity Center Opening was on February 9th. This very successful event was attended by more than 50 people. We saw many new faces, opening doors to new foundations and donors. Thank you to the Samueli Foundation and CHOC for their support. We've been receiving incredible feedback from students regarding their experiences in the center.
- OCSA's Ambassador Jazz Orchestra (AJO) was selected to attend the Essentially Ellington High School Jazz Band Competition & Festival for the 3rd year in a row.
- Our Science Olympiad middle school team placed second in their recent competition.
- Our Mock Trial team continues to receive awards; Emily Kim, Rhys Braunstein, and Allie Nottage for outstanding attorneys, and Audrey Shih for courtroom journalist. Congrats to Halim Dhanidina, Whitney Coates and all of our students!
- Pedro Pascal (MT '93) won the Screen Actors Guild Award for male actor in a drama series and praised OCSA in his red-carpet interview.
- Ballet Folklorico is to be featured in a print ad for our new corporate sponsor Boot Barn who will donate apparel to all students in the conservatory.

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Donations

- The following gifts are pending; \$250k ASSP from Samuelli Foundation, multi-year ASSP from Argyros Foundation, \$150k from OC Community Foundation for CAH, \$30k from Johnny Carson Foundation, Garn Support of the IM/J trip to New York, Season Sponsorship with Lugano Diamonds for 2024-2025, \$25k to anonymous donor to support PM, \$25k ASSP from Schnurmacher Foundation.
- The following gifts were received; \$98,274 from the K12 Strong Workforce Grant was awarded to the Martin & Cynthia Howard Design & Media Conservatory, \$10k from Bascom Group as a matching challenge to Jazz and Winds families, and \$25k ASSP from Joe Carrabino.

Upcoming Events

- OCSA Night at Angel Stadium Monday, April 8th – tickets are on sale at www.ocsarts.net/angels This is a fund raiser with a portion of sales being donated to OCSA by the Angels.
- OCSA Montage students will sing the national anthem and a teacher will be nominated to throw out the first pitch.
- Season Finale is on Saturday, May 18th at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts.

7. Principal Report –

- Ciecek reported that Performing With the Pros, which showcased 7 different conservatories, was a great event with 40 Board and Emeritus Board members in attendance. Congrats to Karen Rymar, Ryan Reithmeyer and all the conservatory directors for doing a wonderful job with this event.
- The Culinary Throwdown Elimination Round was last weekend with Courtney Harper and Anton Striegl's teams moving to the finals with defending champ Antonio Graham.
- We offered professional development opportunities to two groups of teachers by visiting CSArts – SGV and Legacy Magnet Academy for collaboration and discussion.
- We will conclude 2024-2025 course registration this month with Becca Freeland's group entering classes for all students.

8. Committee Reports and Action Items

A. Foundation –

- The President's Circle meeting was held on February 27th which included great conversation around school safety and CFA changes.
- The upcoming Foundation Board meeting and task force retreat is on Saturday, March 16th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. This will include three groups; Parent Engagement, Alumni and Special Events.
- Gala 2024 – New York State of Mind - Gala will be on Saturday, April 27th at the Hyatt Regency Huntington Beach Resort & Spa. Invitations have been sent and we will be sending asks for table sponsorships, auction items soon with individual ticket released mid-March.

B. Operations Committee –

- Field Trips – IM/J – Essentially Ellington New York City May 7-12, 2024
Motion to approve: Herthel
Second: Foley

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Approved unanimously

- C. Legal – NONE
- D. Finance – Satkin reviewed the updated financials included in the packet. We are currently tracking to budget.
- E. Community Liaison – NONE
- F. Government Liaison – NONE
- G. Facilities Planning & Acquisition Taskforce – NONE

9. Closed Session – 4:00 PM – 5:24 PM

Reported out of Closed Session – The Board unanimously approved graduation waivers recommended by OCSA administration for the following students; 7297,6843,7681,7590,7356,7419,8515.

10. Next Trustee Meeting and Agenda

- A. Wednesday, March 27, 2024
- B. Agenda Requests - NONE

Meeting Adjourned at: 5:48 PM