



OSBMCC General Meeting Notes

Saturday, July 9, 2022 (5 to 7:30 pm)

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The meeting was held as a hybrid event.

**In-Person Option: Riverhouse on the Deschutes Conference Center,
Cascade H & I
3075 N Hwy 97, Bend, OR 97703**

Virtual Option: [join Zoom Meeting](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85845409516?pwd=L296SXdBScSk5Q1RYNnBxUFNMbS9ndz09>

Meeting ID: 858 4540 9516

Passcode: 611780

In attendance:

Members: Neelam Gupta, Sunita Garg, Karen Perez, Nancy McKinnis, Megan Robbins, Pat Morinaka, Sonja McKenzie, Janece Payne, Brian Bills, Satya Chandragiri, Linda Hamiton, Laura E. Isiordia, Gustavo Vela-Moreno, Helen Ying, Bill Graupp, Nancy Thomas, Denyse Peterson, Vidal Pena, Osvaldo Avila, Laurie Danzuka, Lilia Caballero, Kris Howatt, Eva-Jeanette Rawlins, Brenda Rivas, Miriam Cummins, Erika Lopez, Maya Rabasa, Janet Llerandi Gonzalez, Michelle Hsu, Senitila McKinley, Kathy Wai and Sami Al-AbdRabbuh

Friends: Aaron Barrow, Heather Franklin, David Linn, Katrina Daughy, Mary Botkin, Vince Adams, Jamie McLeod-Skinner

OSBA staff: Lori Sattenspiel and Jim Green

Guest: Brandy O'Bannon

Agenda and Notes

1) **Welcome, Introductions and Dinner Social**

Sami called the meeting to order and welcomed all the attendees. All who joined in-person enjoyed the dinner and had a fun time socializing. Reviewed the mission of the Caucus.

- 2) **Review notes from the April 30, 2022 General Meeting**
- 3) **Updates on action items from the April 30 general meeting**
 - a) ***BIPOC Student Voice Project - Neelam Gupta***

Neelam presented a recap of the background and progress of the project.

[See PPT Slides HERE.](#)

As discussed at the last caucus meeting, the work will progress with the creation of a student advisory group.

Discussion ensued.

- Invite school board members to nominate students from their districts to participate
- A form will be sent to Caucus members to collect names of interested students

b) Concerns of School board member candidate addresses being made public in the election process

i) Safety Resource Tool Kit - Jim Green

1) OSBA invested in creating the safety resource tool kit as an initial step in addressing the concerns.

(a) COSA, ODE, and OSBA worked together to create the safety resource tool kit. OSBA put in \$35,000 for the creation and will continue funding for keeping it up to date. A draft is being piloted and will be shared for Caucus review and feedback (for Caucus members' eyes only). It is also being shared with superintendents for their feedback. 31 pages of document with multiple links.

(b) Provide resources and tools for us to protect ourselves and our family.

(c) It's clear that the safety concerns are real.

(d) Next step is to continue the effort to remove addresses and phone numbers of board members and board candidates from the public record.

c) Caucus Leadership Council nominations - Kathy Wai

Kathy shared about the progress of the nominating committee's work. An interest form survey will be sent to all Caucus members soon for the committee to gather interest for serving on the Leadership Council.

The Caucus nominating committee will continue its work according to the survey feedback to prepare a slate for the annual election to be held at the annual meeting in November at the OSBA annual fall convention.

See articles 6 and 7 in the OSBMCC Bylaws for Leadership Council and Executive Officers' roles and responsibilities.

Floor nominations will also be accepted at the annual meeting.

d) **OSBA November Conference Workshop Topics - Sami Al-Abdrabbuh**

i) Applying systems thinking principles in educational equity, governance, and community engagement

1) Speaker: Sami Al-AbdRabbuh

ii) A workshop featuring the work, accomplishments, and initiatives of the Caucus and the vital role that the Caucus play in the Oregon schools.

- How we came to be
- Our goals
- Our current work, accomplishments, and initiatives

Speaker(s): TBD

4) Feedback on Virtual Meet- Up Gatherings and Diwaniyat pilot session

Sami shared about the pilot Diwaniyat session.

[Here is a presentation slide deck about the Diwaniya that outlines its intended outcomes and host responsibilities.](#)

[Here is the report from the first Diwaniya that was held in Bend](#)

Those interested in holding a future Diwaniya, please reach out to Sami, sami@corvallis.k12.or.us with the following:

- 1) Select a location for the event
- 2) Propose a couple dates/times that would work for you and the community - Sami would love to help facilitate or co-facilitate, if so, he will get back to you shortly on which date works best if you would like him to facilitate it
- 3) Optional- other co-host(s) from the board and/or the community who can help out spreading the word out
- 4) Budget time to set up and 90 minutes for the session.

- Superintendent of Bend/Lapine SD shared about the pilot Diwanya hosted by board members of Bend/Lapine SD. Board members Janet Sarai Llerandi Gonzalez and Shimiko Montgomery were among the hosts.
 - it was truly community centered and turned out to be a wonderful gathering
 - Some feedback gathered from the parents:
 - feeling unheard and excluded
 - demanding structural changes
 - proclamations after proclamation of being anti-racist but challenges remain
 - Parent voices and stories show that we are not doing enough and finding staff that reflect our student body.
 - Will bring to the board that we can no longer ignore and continue the passive racism that has been swept under the rug

Redmond is in line to hold a Diwaniya. Waldport volunteered to host as well.

5) FY 2022-23 Caucus Budget (Sonja)

Sonja informed us that we have \$45,000 for FY 2022-23. She is working on the line items for the budget to be presented at the November annual meeting. We spent approximately \$22,000 a little more than 50% of our allotted budget for the FY 2021-22.

6) Guest announcement from A Long Talk:

Kamal Carter shared about the catalysts that moved them to begin the initiative 2 years ago to stop racism. They are working on a game plan to push racism to the fringes. They started from ground zero and now have 7000 members. Goal is to put anti-racism champions at every dinner table. He would like to offer their services to us beginning with a video to get the process started.

Follow up email from Kamal:

Due to time constraints, I was not able to meet individually with everyone that attended.

*Please let me know if you have any availability over the next week or two for a 10 min phone call. **Kamal Carter** <kamal@alongtalk.com>*

Also, below is additional information on A Long Talk that I was not able to share in the 15 min window that I had to present.

(our business deck, links to an article & video BYU made after their involvement with A Long Talk & older press releases)

- [Article from BYU school newspaper](#)
- [3 min Reflection](#) from BYU A Long Talk Participants

Thank you again, Kamal

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm. Remaining agenda items to be communicated via email and/or moved to the next caucus meeting agenda.

7) 7:05 to 7:10 Caucus Scholarships

8) 7:10 to 7:30 Year-end reviews and reflections

- [2022 Meeting Calendar](#)
- [Bylaws review committee](#)