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OSBMCC General Meeting

Saturday, August 10, 2024 (4:15 to 6:15 pm)

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In-person location:

Salem Convention Center (Room - Croisan Creek B & C)
200 Commercial Street SE, Salem, OR

Zoom link:

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In attendance:

Members: David Jaimes (notetaker), Neelam Gupta, Kim Brick, Sami Al-AbdRabbuh, Jessica Arzarte, Satya Chandragiri, Laurie Danzuka, Jose Gamero-Gonzalez, Paul Tabron, Jr., Lilia Caballero, Nancy Castillo-McKinnis, Marisa Bayouth-Real, Charlie Chu, Dr. Karen Perez, Crystal Weston, Janece Payne, Maya Rabasa, Nancy Thomas, Pat Morinaka, Denyse Peterson

Friends: Joash Bullock, Barbara Ibrahim, Clyde Rood

OSBA staff: Efren Zamudio, Adrienne Nelson, Emielle Nischik

Agenda:

1. **Social and refreshments** (4:15 to 4:30 pm)
2. **Review & adopt notes from the May General Meeting** (4:30 to 4:35 pm) - Kim (Action)

Notes reviewed. Motion made by Jessica Arzarte to adopt the notes. Janece Payne seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Treasurer's report** (4:35 to 4:45 pm) - Kim

a. FY 2023-24 End of Year Report

Kim reviewed the end-of-year report for the 2023-24 budget. For this budget year, OSBA reduced the caucus budgets from \$40k to \$20k due to lower expenditures during the pandemic. OSBMCC allocated the majority of funds to support scholarships and meeting support.

Q&A:

- Nancy Castillo asked if there was a plan to increase the budget. Neelam said that OSBA has increased the OSBMCC budget for 2024-25 to \$25,000, and she has been talking to OSBA Acting Executive Director Emielle Nischik about OSBMCC's request to restore the budget to \$40,000 in the 2025-26 fiscal year.
- Dr. Karen Perez asked if the caucus could save funds by using spaces in schools for meetings. Kim said that a large portion of the budget went to support hybrid meeting costs, including food and IT.
- Satya Chandragiri asked if OSBMCC could send more people to conferences given the financial difficulties school districts are going through. How can we frame this issue as a caucus to get support?

b. Proposed Budget 2024-2025 (Action)

Kim reviewed the 2024-25 budget of \$25k; Neelam reiterated that OSBMCC is requesting \$40k from OSBA for the next fiscal year 2025-26.

Q&A:

- Satya: OSBMCC is working on the Student Voices Project. It will take all of us to share our perspective as school board members of color. Satya asked how this budget would align with caucus priorities if it is passed before we discuss priorities. Kim replied that the budget is a living document and can be changed in the future.
- Charlie Chu mentioned Gladstone School District is in early exploration to start an equity committee and the need to reframe equity.

Janece Payne made a motion to approve the OSBMCC 2024-25 budget as presented. Nancy Castillo seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

c. Scholarship opportunities

- i. [OSBMCC Scholarship application form](#)
Scholarship applications linked above. Deadline for CUBE scholarship applications is August 19.

4. Nominating Committee update (4:45 to 4:55 pm) - Kim

a. [Leadership Council Interest Form Link](#)

Kim asked for folks to consider getting involved in OSBMCC leadership in 2025-26. Status of current executive committee:

Kim Brick will step down as treasurer

Neelam Gupta will be past president

Helen Ying has been our secretary for a long time.

5. **OSBMCC preliminary priority setting for the next 2 years** (4:55 to 5:25 pm) - Sami

Sami led a discussion following breakout groups guided on the questions in the linked document to begin priority setting for the next two years. The following priority areas emerged:

- Safety of school board members
- Privacy when filing to run for school board office
- Addressing bias in suspension/expulsion
- Need for supportive allies

Specific comments made during the discussion included:

- Community is divided, we have had shootings. How do we bring all communities together? If we only focus on one community then we can solve anything.
- Schools are still segregated. School funding cost shifts with intersectionalities and an increased cap for children with disabilities. Student of color caucus so that it is not a club just for the Latinos or Black student caucus.
- Safety for school board members is an important issue, with legislation proposed in 2022 that did not pass on keeping school board candidate addresses confidential.
- It is important to participate in legislation and provide testimony, network in and around the state, and talk about policies that we are able to implement.
- Oregon has a racist history. What are our counterparts doing to protect and to engage individuals and communities? We need allyship.
- Districts are working on examining discipline policies.
- Cell phones are also a safety concern if we take it away from all students.

- How long can we keep this up before we do a class action lawsuit against the state? Our reading scores are dismal.
- We need courageous advocacy.

6. **OSBA bylaws changes update** (5:25 to 5:35 pm) - Neelam

Neelam served on the OSBA Board's Governance Committee that discussed changes to the OSBA bylaws. These revisions will be approved by the OSBA board during its September meeting and then voted on by OSBA members.

Neelam reviewed the changes, particularly the clarification that caucuses be treated as a single region; if the caucus representative would be elected to the leadership position the caucus would be able to elect a new person. The caucus will also have to create an annual report to the OSBA board. Neelam also reviewed other proposed changes.

Neelam mentioned that OSBMCC is approaching the Rural Caucus to develop a joint letter of support for the bylaws revisions to send to the OSBA board.

7. **Legislative Policy Committee update** (5:35 to 5:45 pm) -

Adrienne and Efren

Efren introduced Adrienne as the newest OSBA legislative team member. OSBA will be sending a survey to OSBMCC member to gauge interest in participating in the 2025 legislative session activity. OSBA has been working with the Legislative Policy Committee and has developed three main priorities for the upcoming legislative session:

- Funding schools adequately, which is the Legislature's number 1 priority.
- Accountability conversations, what does school district accountability look like? How can we support more students and preserve local accountability.
- Reducing chronic absenteeism. 46-50% or higher absenteeism rate. Why is this happening and how do we get students to attend school?

Q&A:

- Question: how can we target the QEM by service level.
Efren: Governor Kotek increased the CSL. We know that the CSL is only funding the status quo.
- Question: In addition to focusing on increasing attendance, we should also be discussing outcomes like 3rd grade reading. Can we add funding to mandates?
Efren: We need to talk about students and how they are connected to the school to refocus their attention.
Legislators keep adding unfunded mandates.

8. **Review calendar for 2024 and planning for the 2025**

calendar (5:45 to 5:55 pm) - Kim

Kim asked everyone to review the linked calendar and review it for any religious holiday conflicts to consider for the 2025 calendar. Neelam mentioned the next Leadership Council meeting was changed to September 21 9-11am.

9. **Caucus sharing stories project updates** (5:55 to 6:05 pm) -

Kim conducted a raffle for the OSBMCC sweatshirts developed through this project.

10. Written reports for review:

- a. [Student Voice Project updates](#)
- b. [Caucus orientation video project updates](#)

11. Announcements - All

No announcements were made,

12. Open floor as time permits

Meeting adjourned at 6:16pm