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OSBMCC General Meeting

Saturday, February 24, 2024 (9 to 11 am)

Zoom link:

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[Agenda and Notes](#)

Members in attendance:

Neelam Gupta, Helen Ying, Kim Brick, Pat Morinaka, April Dobson, David Jaimes, Luhui Whitebear, Brenda Rivas, Laurie Danzuka, Sami Al-Abdrabbuh, Renee Anderson,

Friends in attendance: Aaron Barrow

OSBA staff in attendance: Efren Zamudio and Lori Sattenspiel

1. **Welcome and check-in**

Neelam called the meeting to order. All in attendance introduced themselves.

2. **Review and adopt notes from the [November 11, 2023 General Meeting](#)**

Neelam presented the notes from the November 11, 2023 General Meeting. She reminded everyone that the OSMCC Key Folder is linked in the agenda for today's meeting.

David moved to adopt the minutes
Kim seconded the motion.
All in favor. Motion approved.

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3. Legislative updates

Highlights from Lori

- While the 2023 Legislature removed Oregon's prohibition against paying school board members. Stipend for school board members. The Oregon Government Ethics Commission stated that school boards cannot be voting to compensate themselves. Technical fix is needed.
- Address removal for school board members. The process for this effort keeps running into roadblocks. Need to keep on working.
- Neelam and Lu are the OSMBCC reps on the legislative committee. Next meeting is in April, the main focus will be on building an agenda for the 2025 session.

Highlights from Efren

- Efren joined the OSBA legislative team last fall. He was previously on staff in Gov Kate Brown's office.
- The 2025 session will be focusing on funding which will couple with accountability.
- Equity Symposium and Advocacy Institute - Nancy brought her son, Senator Wyden asked to hear from him, representing the student voice. Everyone did great!
- Bills for our attention:
 - SB 1583 sponsored by Senator Lew Frederick on book bans. It does not seem it will make too many changes other than what we already have at present. OSBA presented neutral testimony to reaffirm the OSBA equity stance. The bill is moving along. The republican is adding a minority report.
 - HB 4161 on increasing the limitation on enrollment in a virtual public charter school had a

public hearing. It is a slippery slope for a charter system. OSBA presented testimony opposing it. We need to be vigilant and counteract the efforts to break up funding for public schools.

- HB 4077 - worker injuries added to the bill. Districts would be required to have an online form for workers to report their injury. Districts have to aggregate the data and send it to ODE. OSBA presented testimony in support of the bill. Data is helpful for board members to make policies. COSA has reservations. Currently in the Ways and Means committee.
- SB 1576 - Omnibus bill adding recreational immunity protection for public green spaces. It moved out of the Senate and is heading to the House. OSBA is in support and may need a call to action for all to rally and get support from the legislators.
- HB 4082 - Summer learning. Gov Kotek worked with a work group to invest \$50 million for summer learning. Prior summer learning funding was open to community organizations as well as schools. Community organizations are excluded at this time due to the insurance barriers. School districts will receive the funding and contract with their partners. Policy is moving through the process and has bipartisan support. However, due to the competing priorities, it's possible that we may not get the full funding for summer learning. OSBA is working to counter the rhetoric in the media and will put out an action alert to the legislative committee and partners for their support.

Summer Learning will also have an action alert for you to contact your legislators, especially if

your legislator is in a leadership position.

Discussion ensued.

- Concerns were raised - Summer Learning needs to be open to community organizations. Could OSBMCC look into advocating and offer recommendations?
- Stipend bill is on pause. Is it coming from school budgets? The tension of funding may make it undoable. Where is the funding coming from?
 - It's a local decision. Making an ask from the general fund will be difficult to do. We need to speak with one voice on school funding so that we could meet all the areas. Setting sight on 2025 the big year on school funding to fund Quality Education (QEM) to the full amount.
- Recreating immunity protection for public green spaces is vital for school districts.
- How are we doing with statewide educators' salaries discussion?
 - Statewide Educator Salaries Task Force.
 - Lori is on the task force. We need to create an Oregon model. Some recommendation in 2025 - statewide educators salaries
 - local decision making
 - Renee is also on the task force
- The 2023 session did not go well due to walkouts. What is the current climate?
 - So far so good. There will be new legislators in the 2025 session. Education funding is so complex and difficult to understand. School board members play a big role in helping the law makers build understanding.
 - Summer learning - 80 hours requirement. 40 fulfilled by School Districts and 40 by partner community based organizations.

4. Caucus nomination process and nominating committee

This is the election year for the Caucus Leadership Council

Kim shared that we need to form a nominating committee. The charge for the committee is to present a slate of 13 nominees for the 12 members of the leadership council and one legislative policy committee representative by mid October.

Kim has volunteered to chair the nominating committee made up of 5 members. We need 4 more volunteers to serve on the committee. Committee members can be nominated for the slate.

- April would like to serve.
- Sami is open to be an advisor.
- Neelam highlighted that the executive committee is working on position descriptions

5. Virtual social meet-up hosts -

Thanks to Renee who hosted the last one and did a great job.

They are hourlong and scheduled according to the host's availability. The session is primarily an opportunity for the caucus members to gather and connect.

Caucus provides the zoom account. We would like to schedule 2 or 3 for this calendar year.

Renee volunteered to do it again.

6. Public address listing

Lu shared that public address listing continues to be a concern. The Caucus created a google form to collect stories.

- Special elections following the presidential elections could be more contentious.

- Do we want to continue to collect stories from the caucus members?
- Past efforts have not led to desired outcomes.

Discussion ensued.

Multnomah County election officials said that there is a redaction process in Multnomah County but it is typically just used for law enforcement officials.

Next steps:

- We need to decide what we will do with the stories before collecting the stories.
- Neelam will do more research
- Renee will check with her contact in Multnomah County OSBA Safety Tool Kit distribution
- Add to the Executive Committee meeting agenda.
- Sami reaffirmed his personal and OSBA's commitment to support this effort
- Lu will draft a letter asking for OSBA support

7. Caucus scholarship selection criteria

- Current criteria
- Proposed criteria

Priority recommendation:

- Ask if their district offer scholarships
- Send a survey to the general caucus.

8. Announcements, etc.

Email to Neelam or Helen.