



Ojai Valley Neighborhood for Learning (OVNfL)
Minutes
September 9, 2015

**CALL TO
ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board was held in the OUSD Board Room on 414 E. Ojai Avenue, Ojai, California on September 9, 2015. Ed Guerena, OVNfL Chair Person called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM

Present: Board Members – Ed Guerena,
Julie Albright, Deborah Da More, Andrew Cantwell, and
Belinda Chambers
Director- Alisha Hicks

ROLL CALL

Sign-in sheet in lieu of roll call.

**ADOPTION
OF MINUTES**

The Minutes for the regular meeting of June 23, 2015 were accepted
Ms. Albright motioned and Mr. Cantwell 2nd (Board Vote 4-0)
Ms. Chambers was absent from vote.

**INFORMATION/
DISCUSSION
ITEMS**

Ms. Hicks began the discussion items with a brief update on the final numbers of the Kindergarten Transition Program (KTP). She explained that after nineteen students signed up for the program, only six attended the class. She mentioned one of the factors that could be causing the low turnout is the Ojai Unified School District's new robust transitional kindergarten that is providing an entire year of pre-kindergarten prep to many students who would have typically qualified for the OVNfL KTP. Ms. Hicks also noted that the Board may want to evaluate if the KTP should continue into this current year or should funds be sent to other areas within the budget. Ms. Hicks then turned the conversation to the Outdoor Classroom Parent Child Together (PACT) class held this July. She noted that there were ten families who came to class with many of the typical dyads being triads due to siblings also attending. The course was held for ten days and each day was scheduled for two hours. The workshop turnout to be an intensive twenty hour class. Ms. Hicks also updated the Board on Safety Town; including that the cars for the event have already been picked up. Ms. Hicks' final update was that Parent and Child Together (PACT) classes have seen a rise in participation. The Ojai Library PACT class has remained a stable number of families, and the new Oak View PACT class has seen a steady number on days when the building was cool enough to have class. It was noted that there is no air conditioning, and the classroom has been very hot on some summer days causing some families to stay clear or leave early.

**MOVE TO
CLOSE
SESSION**

Close Session Begins 12:36
Program Director Contract Discussion

**MOVE TO
OPEN SESSION**

Open Session Begins 12:55 PM

**ACTION
ITEMS**

Program Director Contract
Vote postponed due additional information requested.

**BOARD
MEMBER
COMMENTS**

Mr. Guereña noted the Board would like to see prior to next regular meeting a list of projected changes within the budget to provide information on how possible funding could be moved to compensate a raise in salary of the OVNfL Program Director. Ms. Albright noted that the Board would also like to add goals in the Program Director Self- reflection that would incorporate possible examination of the Oak View Chamber of Commerce. It was also requested to use a different format for the Self- reflection allowing for easier scanning of the document.

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

Sam McCoy introduced himself as First 5 Ventura County Program Manager for the Ojai Valley Neighborhood for Learning. He gave a brief overview of his role with the OVNfL and how he plans to support programming.

**NEXT
MEETING**

October 14, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 P.M.
Ms. Da More motioned and Ms. Chambers 2nd (Board Vote 5-0)