



Ojai Valley Neighborhood for Learning (OVNfL)
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 14, 2016

**CALL TO
ORDER**

The regular meeting of the OVNfL Board was held in the Ojai Unified School District Board Room at 414 E. Ojai Avenue, Ojai, California on September 14, 2016. Ed Guerena, OVNfL Chair Person, called the meeting to order at 12:05 P.M.

Present: Board Members – Ed Guerena, Deborah Da More, Andrew Cantwell, Belinda Chambers, and Julie Albright.

Director- Alisha Hicks

ROLL CALL

Sign-in sheet in lieu of roll call.

**ACCEPTANCE
OF MINUTES**

Acceptance of June 8, 2016 Minutes
Ms. Chambers motioned and Ms. Albright 2nd, (Board Vote 5-0)

**INFORMATION/
DISCUSSION
ITEMS**

a) Safety Town Update

Ms. Hicks presented to the OVNfL Board a snapshot of the final outcome of the Ojai Valley Safety Town program. She noted that the event was an intensive 15 hours, one week course. There had been a total of 63 students from around the Ojai Valley, who were 4-6 years old, that participated. She mentioned that there had been a total of 20 youth volunteers, including 2 volunteers from Arizona. Safety Town also had visitations/ community support by Ojai Trolley, Ventura County Fire Department, Ventura County Sheriff's Department, and the Lake Casitas Adventure Waterpark Life Guards. It was also stated that financial support came from the OVNfL, Ojai Rotary, Ojai Community Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, The Friends of the Ojai Library, Optimist Club of Ojai, BST/ Dektra, Jim and Rob's Fresh Grill, and the Ojai Unified School District.

b) Fall Scholarship Breakdown

Ms. Hicks introduced the Fall Scholarship Breakdown data. It was noted that there had been forty six scholarships handed out to families. Ms. Hicks provided data based on, area code of residence, language used in home, number of parents in home, ethnicity, the number of people in home, numbers of hours in childcare, age of child on scholarship, the school that they will receive the scholarship for, and the school they will enter when going into kindergarten. Ms. Hicks noted a few unusual facts about this year's breakdown which included; one scholarship recipient lives without either parent, Noah's Ark Preschool had an extremely high amount of families receiving scholarships, and that there were no upper Ojai children receiving scholarships.

c) Cost vs. Participant Update for FY 2014-15 & FY 2015-16

Ms. Hicks discussed with the board the comparisons of FY 2014-15 and FY 2015-16 Cost versus Participation. Covering the provided graphs, she noted in detail the differences between the years and what they indicated for the OVNfL. Ms. Hicks mentioned that there had been a decrease in the number of intakes during the Parent and Child Together Classes. The intakes allow for the OVNfL to report back to First 5. However, far more families had been receiving services. Ms. Hicks noted she will be working with PACT teachers monthly to ensure a larger number of intakes are reflecting the new addition of families to classes. She also noted the difference in cost for the Parent Education component, making note on the fact that there is no longer a subcontractor for English Parent Education classes.

d) Program Director Self-Evaluation

Ms. Hicks proceeded to go over her Self-Evaluation (included in the supplemental board packet). She covered each goals final result from FY 2015-16 and then proceeded to explain her new goals for FY 2016-17. Some of her new goals included working with staff on providing fidelity of completed paperwork to ensure data can be properly conveyed to Ventura County First 5.

**ADJOURN TO
CLOSE SESSION**

Program Director Evaluation

**MOVE TO
OPEN MEETING**

**BOARD
MEMBER
COMMENTS**

Mr. Cantwell provided to Ms. Hicks the outcome of the Program Director Evaluation. He noted that the Board conferred that there would be continued support of Ms. Hicks as Program Director of the OVNfL.

**ACTION
ITEMS**

- a) Acceptance of Julie Albright as Vice Board Chair for FY 2016-17
Ms. Chambers Nominated and Ms. Da More 2nd (Board Vote 5-0)

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

None

**NEXT
MEETING**

January 11, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M.
Ms. Albright motioned and Ms. DaMore 2nd (Board Vote 5-0)