



Ojai Valley Neighborhood for Learning (OVNfL)
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 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 December 14, 2016. Ed Guerena, OVNfL Chair Person, called the meeting to order at 12:10 P.M.

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

Director- Alisha Hicks

Absent: Board Members - Andrew Cantwell

ROLL CALL

Sign-in sheet in lieu of roll call.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Acceptance of September 14, 2016 Minutes
Ms. Albright motioned and Ms. Chambers 2nd, (Board Vote 4-0)

INFORMATION/ DISCUSSION ITEMS

a) Scholarship Update

Ms. Hicks began the discussion section giving an update on the OVNfL Scholarship Program. She mentioned that there was \$1,694.91 unencumbered in the scholarship budget. She mentioned that at the beginning of the fiscal year, scholarships were distributed over the actual budget amount to ensure that funds would be entirely spent at the end of the year. It had been anticipated that many scholarship recipients would drop from the program and by mid-year the funds would be around the budgeted amount. Ms. Hicks then mentioned that there had been two homeless families' that been helped out with funds or were given a warm-handoff to services and resources that would allow for the parents to go back to work and the child to receive preschool experience.

b) Parent Education Classes Update

Ms. Hicks stated that this year's attendance is up with the OVNfL parent education classes. She noted that the first family forum was made mandatory and that helped families understand the expectations of attendance and scholarship recipient requirements. She also mentioned that monolingual Spanish speakers are able to attend the several upcoming parent education classes for their scholarship requirements.

c) Parent and Child Together (PACT) Classes Update

Ms. Hicks mentioned the success of having the Thursday identical Ojai Library PACT classes. She noted that in a handful of surveys, recently given, that there had been a request that the OVNfL provide a PACT class in Spanish only. Without changing any funding for next year, the OVNfL could provide a bilingual, a Spanish only and a English only class. All dates, times and frequency could remain the same. She noted that Dora Reyes, Ojai Library's PACT teacher, suggested taking an oral poll to see how parents would respond to this change in classes.

d) Provider and Community Outreach

Ms. Hicks ended the discussion section with the topic of Provider and Community Outreach. She began by mentioning that many of the providers' received training by Ms. Hicks on the new DRDP 2015. She noted that it is required for every scholarship child to have a DRDP done for them. She mentioned she had also been working with Acorn Community Preschool, a relatively new provider, on assessments and resources for families. Ms. Hicks also noted that OVNfL, Ojai Unified School District and Child Development Resources are working together to build a seamless early intervention service process. Ms. Hicks also touted the new relationships built with the local cultural representatives, as well as organizations such as Ventura Wild and the Ojai Valley Homeless Shelter.

**ACTION
ITEMS**

None

**BOARD
MEMBER
COMMENTS**

None

**PUBLIC
COMMENTS**

None

**NEXT
MEETING**

February 8, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 P.M.
Ms.DaMore motioned and Ms. Chambers 2nd (Board Vote 4-0)