

OCASA Board Meeting
May 10, 2022
Zoom

Members Present: Matt Turner, Mike Armbruster, Diana Greer, Amy McHale, Lukeshia Miller, Aleli Vazquez, Monica Gordon, Kip Montgomery, Elizabeth Bounds, Cap Jadonath, Dusty Johns, Seth Daub, Bethany Chappetta, Felicia Boyd

Meeting started at 8:00AM.

Secretary Report: Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer Report: Kip shared the report and it is available on file for review.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality-Matt shared that Crooked Can has been secured for our summer social on July 28th from 6:00-9:00PM. The cost of \$3,193 will include private room with appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks for 80 guests. A ticket system will be used to provide members with up to two alcoholic drinks and we will pay them separately at the end of the social for the tickets used. Mike will send a “save the date” and an official invite will go out closer to the date.

Mike shared that the Chick-fil-a cards have been purchased and he is working with Felicia on sending the greeting cards and getting them out to all administrators soon.

Membership-Monica shared that we are holding strong in the 300’s with our membership, right around 315. She got a couple more applications recently and will be updating the list and getting us a definite number.

Association President's Report:

High School-Dusty shared that it’s a busy time right now for high schools with senior events, AP exams and graduation. The big concern is having clarity and more information on the Device distribution and plan from ICTS. Right now the logistics of assessing a fine for seniors is unrealistic when they can’t collect their devices until after AP Testing, yet graduation tickets have to be passed out. In many cases schools are waiving these fines for these seniors and won’t know about the cost or if it is a device that will be refurbished. This will be on the agenda for Dr. Vazquez.

Middle School-Amy shared middle schools have similar concerns to high school about the device collection and distribution. She shared that when you go on the Q &A from the district it

just notes more information to come. Clarity on the plan would alleviate much of the anxiety and help building administrators to adequately plan. She also shared that how fines are being assessed to students is a huge concern. Students are being fined for a bad battery or internal broken screws, which could not have been caused by the student. Fining these students is becoming an ethical concern.

Elementary School-Lukeshia shared that there is not much on the elementary side. The device collection and fines are also a topic of concern and burden on media specialist.

Postsecondary-Cap shared that technical colleges are preparing for their joint graduation event. The COE Accreditation process seems to be on hold until a September date, when they hope to be accredited as one college, instead of 4.

Old Business:

Election of Officers-Amy McHale shared the following slate of officers on behalf of the nominating committee: Cap Jadonath as the President Elect, Diana Greer to continue as Secretary and Lee (Kip) Montgomery to continue as Treasurer. Amy will send out the ballot on Monday with the election to close on Wednesday. *She will ensure that there is a write-in option for each position as required by the by-laws.*

OCASA on Agenda for Principals Meeting-We got approval from Dr. Vazquez to be at the end of the agenda during Principal and Assistant Principals Meetings. We will discuss who will be sharing at these meetings and keep it consistent with the person and message. We will look at dividing up and determine which learning community each person will represent.

OCASA Shirts-Mike shared that Boone HS's secretary has been instrumental in assisting with the timely distribution of shirts to members. A motion was made to give her a \$100 gift card as a token of appreciation. The motion was passed. Dusty will take care of purchasing the gift card and sending the reimbursement receipt to Kip. Matt Turner mentioned that we can alternate the burden of the shirt distribution to past-president's schools if the board likes the idea. This will be discussed at our summer retreat meeting.

New Business:

Possible Summer Training-Mike asked if we thought there was a need to provide training to some of our newer administrators that may need coaching or have questions that they are not comfortable asking their EADs. He shared it could be an in-person or virtual question and answer session to provide support. Suggestions were discussed of possible topics and when to

provide this in the summer. Dusty mentioned that perhaps a survey to our members of topics they'd like more information on would be helpful to narrow our focus and for it to be meaningful. Mike will work with Matt on the survey and send out so we can see interest and topics before we set a date.

OCASA Positions-Mike shared that we may want to discuss in our summer retreat how to add some potential board or committee positions to widen our scope and secure more active members. Since the Executive Board is limited to members who have served on the board, a need to get more members involved on the board would be beneficial for future planning.

Possible Summer Retreat-Since we don't have a summer board meeting Mike suggested having a summer retreat to discuss our strategic plan. This would include discussing the additional positions, our vision for the future, and setting plans moving forward. He will send out some suggested dates and we will determine location and date at that time.

Open Discussion: Mike opened discussion of any other concerns and what we want to place on the agenda for our meeting with Dr. Vazquez.

Bethany asked again for clarification about YEP. She shared her concern about how this late date will make it almost impossible to be able to check out devices to students and develop schedules in two days. She is requesting that we continue to advocate for an earlier date.

Monica shared the language of House Bills 1467 and 1557 and wants to know the district's position on these and clarity for schools in selection of instructional materials and parents' rights. The vetting of media materials by all schools and media specialist is a concern and will the district be providing some guidance and possible vetted lists at the district level to support schools with this task.

Discussion about endorsing a superintendent candidate was also discussed. Mike shared that though we would remain neutral as an organization it is appropriate to share when asked how supportive Dr. Vazquez has been of OCASA and receptive to our concerns. Matt shared that from the profile the search committee developed that he participated in-they are looking for a candidate that will be pro-community, visible, personable and compassionate.

The following are agenda items for our Executive Board Meeting with Dr. Vazquez:

The following items will be discussed with Dr. Vazquez during our executive board meeting with her on Friday, May 13 at 3:00PM in the RBELC-5th floor-tab room

- Device collection, fines, logistics, etc.-principals will share specific concerns. Would also like to know if there is a master plan in IT and if so, could principals get a copy?
- YEP Date-would still like to see it moved earlier in the summer. What barriers can we work through together to make it possible?
- Media Specialists and the impact and pressure they are feeling, including ethical concerns with some of the device repair policies (charging kids for broken internal screws or dead batteries are a couple of examples) and the impact this is having on some schools.
- District plan for implementation of HB1467 regarding school districts being transparent in the selection of instructional materials and HB1557 regarding parental rights in education. What is the direction we will be taking with both of these?

Meeting adjourned at 9:30AM.

Next meeting- we will discuss a summer retreat TBA.