

Agenda for the Open Classroom Steering Committee

6:30pm in the Open Classroom Library

Expected Attendees **Absent**

Role	Name	Grade	Rep (Teacher)	Grade	Rep (Teacher)
Co-Chair (2020)	Mindy Lokey	K	Luke Loutensock (Jamie)	4/5	Inga Plucinski-Holbeook (Hilary)
Co-Chair (2021)	Ben Demoux	K	Kelly Robbins (Kristin)	4/5	Virginia Ward (O'Lynn)
Vice Chair (2021)	Jen Ogzewalla	1/2	Jennifer Dean (Tina B)	6/7/8	Jen Higbee (Julian)
Vice Chair (2019)	Christy Porucznik	1/2	Lee Rogers (Amanda)	6/7/8	Tara Thomson (Lena)
Secretary (2021)	Glenn D'Costa	1/2	Chelsie Henderson (James)	6/7/8	Stacey Jenkins (Denny Jo)
Treasurer (2020)	Katherine Sharp	1/2	Marianne Wilson (Shelten)	6/7/8	Benjamin Maughan (Chantelle)
Principal	Christine Marriott	3/4	Michelle Hernandez (Mia)	Teacher Rep -- Little	Shelby M
		3/4	Danielle Lindner (Amber)	Teacher Rep -- Middle	Hilary Ward
		3/4	Laurie Shepard (Tina M)	Teacher Rep -- Upper	Lena Foster

Additional Attendees

Teachers: Tina M, Amber, Amanda, James, Chantelle, Julian

Parents: Kristen Oliver, Tim Kryselmire, Lisa Fox, Joe Gibbs

Steering Reps – please sit at the table with your name card. This will make it easier for voting.

Community attendees are welcome at the table and at any other seats.

A. Information Items

1. Introductions – For this meeting, we will do brief introductions. Just your name and kid(s).
2. Calendar Items – At each meeting, there will be an opportunity to share upcoming events and calendar items with the community. Reps should then share this information with their classes.

Date	Event	Comments
05/13 – 05/17	8 th Grade Presentations	This will be in the Gym
05/17	Last day to check-out library books	
05/24	Make-up day for Snow Day	Short Day

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05/24	Plant sale organized by the Gardening Committee	
05/24	Munch 'n' Mingle for new families	Starts at 11:40 PM. Watermelon popsicles will be served. Christine has already sent out an email. She will send a reminder
05/27	No School	Memorial Day
05/28	Fundraiser at Chipotle, 734 E 400 S from 4:00 – 8:00 PM	If they do more than \$300 business on that day, 33% of the proceeds will go to the OC
05/31	Graduation	This will be in the gym
06/05	Last day of school	Short Day

4. Acknowledgments – At each meeting we take time to make public acknowledgements of successes and exceptional people and efforts within the community.

Given By	Given To	Comment
Mindy L	Everyone who signed up for committees for next year	Thank you
Steering Exec	Aliska Julian, Lee Rogers, Tara Thomson and Jen Higbee	Thank you for being a fantastic nomination committee
Karen	Fundraising committee	Thank you for working the silent auction in the library. It was organized, helpful and fun
Tara Thomson	Jen Higbee and everyone who helped collect names for the election	Thank you for all the hard work to help coordinate with the candidates for Steering Exec
Tara Thomson	Steering Exec	Thank you for all the hard work and time, especially in keeping steering meetings on task and allowing the committee to accomplish meetings in a much earlier fashion than in the past

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Mindy L	Ben Demoux	Thank you for being an awesome co-chair who was always available via text, email or phone whenever we needed it
Mindy L Jen O	Kat Sharp	Thank you for your tireless work on PFOE budgeting, especially for everything during the art stroll
Mindy L	Everyone who told the new families about the art stroll	Thank you for having the right kind of philosophy at the school
Mindy L	All the steering reps who sent subs	
Lena F	Kat Sharp	Thank you for being the best treasurer. We have never received reimbursements faster
Lena F	Chris W	Thank you for all your help with the internships
Lena	Nicole D	Thank you for all the desserts
Lena F	KC	Thank you for donating the 900 macrons from Gourmadise
Lena F	Cafeteria Committee	
Lena F	Christine M	Thank you for being a wonderful principal
Christine M	General Acknowledge to the community	Thank you for all the fundraisers, especially the ice cream social. Thank you for creating mugs, t-shirts and to the teachers who donated during the art stroll
Christine M	Tina M	Thank you to the interview committee for short listing candidates to replace Barb. Nicole Lair, a former OC parent was selected

5. At the end of this agenda are some quotes from various sources that guide the Open Classroom that the Publicity chair would like to shar with the committee
6. Steering Representatives, please remind your classes to complete the committee sign-up using this link:
 - a. *Everyone should complete the survey.* Even if you know you'll be CS rep, or on Steering, etc. We would like 100% participation on this
7. Tentative committee organization (2019-2020):
 - a. Fundraising, Publicity - Treasurer

- b. Community Support, Co-op/Alt Co-op, Philosophy - Co-chair
 - c. Web, Visual & Performing Arts - Secretary
 - d. Library, Traffic, Yearbook - Vice chair
 - e. Cafeteria, Garden, Community Connections - Vice chair
8. New Family Support via Community Support:
- a. To provide extra support and integration into the OC community, next year the CS rep in each class will assign a mentor family to support each new family in the class. Each grade blend will also come up with a 'Welcome' packet for new families.
 - b. The welcome pack will contain stuff like
 - i. Nuts and bolts of daily activities
 - ii. Cooping information
 - iii. Effective communications
 - iv. Jen H has a bunch of suggestions that she can share
9. 2019-2020 Open Classroom calendar -- See below



2018-19 PFOE
Budget.xlsx

10. PFOE Budget Report – Kat (See attached report)
- a. Art stroll
 - i. Total collections is \$9884. This is over a \$1000 more than last year
 - ii. Total income this year = \$24,500
 - iii. Remaining balances are not entirely accurate. The district will clear some stuff hopefully this week. It was on the back burner with the art stroll
 - iv. Kat will put a sheet by Friday so that teachers have a better picture of the spending
11. Enrollment and Budget Update – Christine
- a. No changes compared to last month. We have the same number of kids. Waitlists are growing a little bit and the school is still taking applications
 - b. AISU is having open house tonight. Lindsey V and Penny are attending it tonight advertise the OC as a possible option. AISU will also have an event to give away their school supplies. Jen D will get us more information
12. 6th grade trip
- a. Lena F has met a person called Tyler Fonarow. He is a former principal of Rowland Hall <https://www.linkedin.com/in/tyler-fonarow-5503b41b/>
 - b. He organizes outdoor recreation programs and Lena was proposing a trip for the 6th graders with his help
 - c. Tyler has a 1 night and 2 day package in which the destination will be an hour long drive from SLC. It will approximately cost around \$120 per kid including food
 - d. Lena wants suggestions / comments / questions from the OC community
13. Pam Pederson

- a. Pam, the principal of the Innovations school in SLC was invited by Christine M to see how the steering meetings are conducted
- b. She gave a brief overview of the Innovations school and here are some of the highlights
 - i. Innovations is part of the Salt Lake School District, but it has no charter
 - ii. It provides personalized education for kids. The teachers are more like mentors and strive for the overall growth of the child, not just academics
 - iii. Since it doesn't have a charter, it has no lottery
 - iv. Applications can be filled online after obtaining a secure code from the school
 - v. Kids that are deficient in credits are also accepted, but they must have a really high motivation to complete high school
 - vi. All classes that are not offered at Innovations can be arranged at the respective boundary high schools. Innovations also offers transportation to these boundary schools
 - vii. Concurrent Enrollment (CE) is offered too
 - viii. Every year almost 10 kids finish their associates degree along with high school

B. Discussion Items

C. Decision Items -

1. **Steering Exec vacancy** -- We have one vacancy on Exec for next year. Tonight we will vote on who will fill that position. The following people have been nominated:
 - a. Tim Krysemire - Started attending last year after a hard time in Canyons. Went to graduate school & just finished. Wife has been doing committee & co-oping. Reread Learning Together as part of making this decision. Made lots of connections to MBA program & the book. Enjoys the school & wants to see it thrive.
 - b. Lisa Fox - Been here for 6 years. Love the openness, wants to see the OC grow. Art committee, community connections, new families,
 - c. Joe Gibbs - Started in 2008 from a Waldorf school. Committed to whole child & community, wife has done bulk of co-op, public school teacher for 26 years, wife became teacher because of experience of OC, new families, steering, community support, co-op rep, internships,
 - d. Steering and the teachers unanimously voted for **Joe Gibbs** to fill the vacant position on the Steering Exec committee
2. **Approval of Minutes** – We need to approve the minutes from the April meeting.
 - Ben M made a motion to approve the minutes
 - Jen O seconded the motion

From Carrie Spruance, Publicity chair 2018-2019:

OC Steering Body Meetings The OC Steering Body discusses and resolves matters of policy and budget. Steering Body meetings are held monthly; the schedule will be established at the beginning of the year. All parents are encouraged to attend the OC Steering meetings, to learn about how the OC is governed, and to participate in the discussion!

OC Handbook (version
8/31/18)

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend Open Classroom Steering Body meetings where policies, procedures, curriculum, and instruction are regularly discussed.

Open Classroom Charter (version November 2016)

“Yet shared ownership and development depend on conversations that challenge business as usual. This kind of questioning takes time, and dealing with differences can produce conflict as easily as consensus. Yet both questioning and conversations about differences were essential to the program's development and are probably the key ingredients to its future growth and continued uniqueness.”

Learning Together, chapter “Constructing Ourselves,”
p.32

“The OC is a wonderful alternative but it should not be afraid to evolve. Parents as a group should constantly evaluate the OC.”

Learning Together, chapter “Never-Ending Learning,”
p.237

“We try to use differing ideas as a resource for growth and explore them with mutual commitment rather than avoiding them (to be “nice”) or creating divisiveness. To do so requires recognition that conflict is healthy and valuable, as long as respect is maintained. The issue is not just about feeling safe with each other but about realizing the value and learning that come from addressing conflictual situations rather than avoiding them (or just gossiping about them).”

Learning Together, chapter “Never-Ending Learning,”
p.239

“One of the strengths of the OC is that we are always seeking ways of improving the program. When problems arise that cannot be handled by the current structure, new solutions are pursued. The group readjusts its course and begins exploring ways to solve the existing problem.”

Learning Together, chapter “Decision Making in a Learning Community,”
p.216

Openness can exist only in an atmosphere of safety in which members of a group are able to speak their minds without fear of coercion, ridicule, or retribution. Openness requires that each member be reflective and willing to work for the betterment of the community in a spirit of good faith. School committees, planning groups, and programs can be coordinated through the SIC and/or the SCC. Where appropriate, such committees may be ad hoc to either council. Recommendations from any groups, committee, or programs should be weighed carefully through the shared governance process, before being implemented, to determine their impact on all stakeholders.

SLCSD Shared Governance Guide, Principles of Shared Governance, p.3

<https://www.slcschools.org/board-of-education/shared-governance/>

2019-2020 Calendar For Steering

- August 1-9 Kindergarten Testing by appointment
- August 16 Teacher Prep Day – 11:00am to 12:30pm Meet and Greet time for kids/families to visit classroom
- August 17 Back to School Open House on the playground – Watermelon or ice cream
- August 19 First day of School for kids – Early Release
- August 20 Early Release
- Sept 2 No School - Labor Day
- Sept 12 Back to School Family Picnic
- Sept 13 Walkathon Assembly and kickoff
- Sept 23-26 School Spirit Week
- Sept 26 Walkathon and Early Release
- Sept 27 Non Student Day – contract PD day for teachers
- Oct 9 and 10 PTKs and Early Release
- Oct 11 Early Release
- Oct 17-21 Fall Break
- Nov 15 End of first trimester
- Nov. 27 Non Student Day
- Nov 28-29 Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 20 Solstice Celebration and Early Release
- Dec 23 – Jan 3 Winter Break
- January 10 End of first semester
- Jan 20 No School MLK Day
- Jan 31 Non Student Day
- Feb 5-6 PTKs and Early Release
- Feb 7 Early Release
- Feb 13 Early Release – Pending approval by teachers
- Feb 14 Non Student Day
- Feb 17 No School – Presidents Day
- Feb 21 Enrollment Lottery
- Feb 28 End of second Trimester
- March 6 Non Student Day – Teacher Contract PD Day
- March 23 – 27 Spring Break
- April 23 Early Release – Pending approval by teachers
- April 24 Non Student Day

- May 8 Art Stroll and Early Release
- May 22 Emergency Makeup Day
- May 25 No School Memorial Day
- June 3 Last Day of School and Early Release