Minutes of July 17, 2017, OMI Board Meeting

Members Present: Mr. Bill Bowen, Chairman, Mr. Baxter Rice Vice-Chair, MG Baldwin, BG James Gabrielli, Mr. David Clisham, and Mr. Arnold Grisham. Members Absent: Mr. Buzz Breedlove Board Secretary, Mr. Joe Wire Treasure, VADM Jody Breckenridge, and Mr. Steve Samuel

Staff: Mrs. Johnna Grell Superintendent, Ms. Katherine DeVinna Principal, Ms. Cesley Frost Assistant Principal, LTC Kenneth Koop, Ms. Estephanie Fuentes, Ms. Becky Owens, Ms. Sally Parsons, and Mr. Saeed Randle Public: CPT Brandon Harding, MAJ Fritz Roggow, and Ms. Saundra Leake.

1. Meeting called to order by Chairmen Bowen at 3:30 P.M.

2. Revision/Adoption/Ordering of Agenda: Motion to approve Grisham, Second: Clisham. Vote unanimous.

3. Ms. Saundra Leake addressed the Board during public session. Ms. Leake mentioned how unique OMI is. The singularity she mentions is the presence of many alumni who comeback after graduating from a university and want to work at OMI. Ms. Leake recognizes Ms. Johnna Grell for the return of many alumni who want to give back to the current enrolled cadets at the school.

4. Mr. Bill Bowen presented the Board Chair St. Martin de Porres (SMDP) Resolution Discussion to the board. Mr. Bowen updated the board on the lease for SMDP, he announced OMI will not be opening a second campus; due to not coming to an agreement of terms for the sixth year of lease. The Diocese awarded the right of first refusal to the Yu Ming Charter School who then signed the lease. Although being disappointed, Mr. Bowen stated the superintendent and staff have an alternate plan that can benefit OMI students on the existing campus; which will be shared in the Superintendent’s Report.

5. Mrs. Johnna Grell presented the Superintendent's Update to the board. Mrs. Grell announced the new expansion will be the same, however it will be allocated to the existing campus and will be called the Single Site Plan instead of the Second Site Plan. The Single Site Plan will continue to be dedicated space for the middle school students. The budget will remain the same, however the funds will be spent on our existing site. Ms. Becky Owens explained how the new expansion will be spent using the same budget that was proposed previously. The new plan will include a capital campaign to replace existing portables with new ones, in a new configuration to maximize space. MG Baldwin suggested that the Guard might be interested in removing and reusing the old portables. Mrs. Grell said that the plan will address the concerns of the Board, especially BG Gabrielli about increasing enrollment and how the congestion will be on the current campus. With the upgrades that will be occurring such as: services, staffing, security, supervision, and small upgrades to the campus; the student to teacher ratio will go down and will students not feel the congestion in the classroom setting. Ms. Becky Owens mentioned the walk-through the Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) conducted for safety hazards and
found that OMI is responsible for the major sidewalk repairs on Apgar St. which is included in the Single Site Plan budget.


7. Mrs. Johnna Grell presented the Permission to Spend Capital Reserve Money on Revised Expansion Project (Single Story Portable Classrooms) to the board. It is recommended the board approve the spending funds in the Capital Reserve for the school’s expansion project should the lease agreement be finalized. Motion to approve Grisham, Second: Baxter. Vote unanimous.

8. Chairman Bill Bowen made an announcement to the Board that he will be making a lateral move by stepping down as Chairman for personal reasons.

9. Motion to adjourn meeting by Baxter, Second: BG Gabrielli. Vote unanimous.