**04.23.2025 Ocean of Wisdom Board Meeting**

**23 April 2025 /** 1:30 PM/ Zoom

**Attendees**

* Nancy Dadak, Co-Chair
* Ngawang Dolker, Co-Chair
* Tenzin Sonam, Vice Chair
* Ngawang Yeshi, Treasurer
* Shenphen Sangpo, Accountant
* Joel Sundstrom, Secretary

1. Property

* First Unitarian Church (MPLS): 2nd floor, 7 rooms (not all), ~4k sqft @ $15persqft = ~57K, with other shared space ~$94K.
* Transportation to school?
* Vote to pursue:
  + Unanimous: Yay!

2. MDE Negotiations Recap

-       Enrollment (need and demand)

o   Email/phone calls to get confirmation from families: let them know we have location, other updates, confirm numbers.

o   Public Hearing (do more)

§  Schedule future tabling/meetings (diverse locations: library)

-       Governance, Management, and Sustainability (MDE’s concerns of lack of experience)

o  Recruit someone with charter/school finance background

o  Highlight our own experiences.

o  Elementary teacher on the board

Nancy may have found someone (maybe two).

Sonam’s colleague has an elementary license and lives in MN.

-       Policies

o   Final versions sent to BOARD by Friday – board approval by Sunday.

3. Budget Section

* Correct budget issues

4. Executive Director

* Job Posting
  + <https://edpost.stcloudstate.edu/> (used by most educators to find jobs in MN)
* ExD timeline should start in March. Need to hire someone by May.

5. Fundraising

* Letter to OOT
* Letter for Dadak la

6. Backup plan: If we don’t get CSP money, we would need to fundraise to meet costs.