

OMCA Education Committee Meeting  
July 24, 2018  
The Other Barn

Attendees: Peggy Skaggs, Amy Brooks, Al Romack, Jessica Mahajan, Lena Kennedy, Sandy Cederbaum, Jonathan Edelson

The sole agenda item was a Board of Education Candidates Forum to be hosted by OMCA and its Education Committee at The Other Barn before the start of early voting.

- The Committee discussed several dates and arrived at October 15
  - Update: October 15, 7-9 pm at The Other Barn is confirmed as the event date after Ms. Cederbaum contacted candidates to inquire about availability
- The Committee determined that OMCA would organize and sponsor the event and Ms. Cederbaum would ask other Villages to publicize it. Mr. Edelson will (now has) ask Allview Area Civic Association to publicize it.
- The Committee discussed format and agreed to follow the format used in the past BOE forums hosted by the Education Committee:
  - Ms. Cederbaum will contact the Mediation and Conflict Resolution Center to see if they are available to moderate
  - The Education Committee will provide the candidates 4 questions within a month of the forum and ask each candidate to provide written responses to each question by noon October 8.
  - The Education Committee will solicit questions and topics from the community via social media (Mr. Edelson has created an event on the OM Schools Discussion Facebook group; Ms. Cederbaum will use OM Village social media and listserv to communicate)
  - The Education Committee will use its August meeting to review topics and finalize the 4 questions
  - The first half of the forum will be an opportunity for each candidate to pick a topic of most interest to him/her and speak about it for 5 minutes. Speaking order will be via random selection.
  - The second half of the forum will be audience Q&A. Questions may be directed to a specific candidate, but all will be given one minute to respond. Response order (other than allowing a candidate specifically asked to respond first) will be via random selection.
  - Education Committee members will assist the audience by providing note cards to write down questions and collecting them at the end of the forum.
- The Education Committee brainstormed potential topics:
  - Suspension data
  - What representation means to each candidate
  - Foreign language provision
  - Equitable staffing
  - Wellness Policy/health food

- Outreach to underrepresented communities
- Transparency and community engagement
- Facility conditions and renovation policies