

ORTON ACADEMY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

April 5th, 2023

5:00 p.m.

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5:10 Meeting Call to Order – Anne Boris

- Welcome
- Roll Call
 - Present: Anne Boris, Bruce Machaffie, Ted Harvey, Lynne Fitzhugh
 - Introduction of Guests: Shannon Gossard, Cindy Kanuch, Alisa Morse, Jenny Wilson
- Approval of Minutes (March): Bruce made the motion, Lynne seconded, all approved.

Orton Academy Principal's Report – Cindy Kanuch

- Enrollment Update
 - Currently 98 but 125 with those also starting the registration process. Many families are touring.
- Attendance Update
 - Low attendance continues, partially due to spring break. Internet/laptop issues were a problem during testing yesterday, but today went well.
 - Cindy presented the calendar for 2023-2024. Bruce motioned to approve it, Ted seconded, all in favor.
- Marketing Update
 - Shannon, Anita, and Cindy met with website designer Lori Smith who will create a temporary site for approval.
- Staffing Update
 - Orton still needs to hire special education teachers as well as CALTs.
- Upcoming Events
 - 5/1 – Cindy and CALT Trisha Friesema will visit the Shelton School and Scottish Rite for Children in Dallas, Texas.

- o 5/9 - Meeting with ER BOCES
- o 5/23 – 5th grade “Stepping Up Ceremony” and 8th grad graduation
- o 5/24 – Field Day

Finance Committee Update: Anne gave the update on behalf of Shannon. The new budget will be posted in the next 30 days. Orton is hoping to secure a grant for STEM fieldtrip and robotics as well as a .75 counselor.

Nomination Committee: Update from Bruce and Ted who have interviewed 4 candidates. 1 parent will be selected.

SAC Update: Alisa reported that the fundraising dinner at Dion’s raised \$472.49 for Teacher Appreciation Week. They will be manning the Book Fair the same week. The SAC is moving towards a PTO. The purpose has been completed and they are working on drafting Bylaws. They would like to create a School Supply Fee. Gear has been ordered and will be delivered within the next 2 weeks.

MEG Update – Anne reported that Orton would continue to operate under ER BOCES through 2023-2024. No update from D-11 has happened. A full application to be a charter in D-11 is coming in fall. This should be added as a standing item in the agenda. A committee made of board members, staff and parents will complete the application.

Action items - None

Public Comments – None

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Meeting Adjourned at 6:11