

Orton Academy Special Board Meeting

Monday Feb 20, 2023

9:00am

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/pvo-zwby-fhi>

Minutes

Board Attendees: A. Boris, L. Fitzhugh, B. Machaffie, T. Harvey

Other Attendees: A. Franko

9:00am Called Meeting to Order

1. Discussion of Invitation to Apply as Charter under District 11
 - a. A. Boris discussed meeting with Scott Mendelsburg, Area Superintendent, D11, who expressed enthusiasm for Orton's application as a charter
 - b. Review of financial advantages in per-student funding charter vs. contract
 - c. Importance of maintaining Orton's vision and ability to operate autonomously
 - d. Opportunity to apply for start-up funding
 - e. PERA considerations for staff
 - f. Positive marketing implications to wider community in D11
 - i. D11 is incorporating CALTs in many of their elementary schools
 - g. Discussion of possible contract/charter scenarios if Orton is not approved by D11
 - h. Pros/cons of possible school facility move, if suggested by D11
 - i. Importance to continue focus on curriculum development particularly for students who have completed Take Flight.
2. Review Intent to Apply Letter
 - a. Board reviewed draft of letter. Minor edits were made, otherwise no changes.
3. Application process
 - a. Review proposal from Andy Franko, Minga Education Group, to lead Orton through application process.
 - a. MEG will provide weekly draft updates to OA and will meet all submission deadlines required by D11, as well as coaching and guidance to the OA Board in

preparation of all D11 required hearings. Upon submission and approval of the application, MEG will determine the implementation strategies and will work with the Board to complete the work.

- b. MEG will also provide a proposal for the writing of the Colorado Charter School Program (CCSP) Grant (i.e. Charter School Startup Grant) which would help OA secure additional funding for up to 4 years to support the transition and growth of OA as a charter school.
- c. Eric Dinnel, X8 Global, has agreed to support Orton with regard to facilities and school operations should there be a need to transition to a new school facility and/or new software and technology platforms.

Action Items:

- 1. Vote to pursue charter application under District 11
 - a. Harvey: moved; Fitzhugh: second
- 2. Vote to approve proposal from Andy Franko
 - a. Machaffie: moved; Fitzhugh: second

Meeting adjourned.