

ORTON ACADEMY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AGENDA

February 7, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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5:00 Meeting Call to Order

- Welcome - Ted Harvey will not be joining us tonight
- Roll Call/Introduction of Guests
- Approval of Minutes (January)
 - Motion - Bruce
 - Second - Lynne

5:00 Orton Academy Principal's Report – Cindy Kanuch

- Enrollment Update
 - Exciting things are happening, Enrollment number = 90 students, tonight is the first information night of the Spring, Dan Snowberger has spoken with ALLIES and offered 6th graders another school to attend, possibly two 6th grade classes for next year (large numbers, 24 students), 6-8 tours per week.
- Attendance Update
 - Have not been able to get them from Synergy (93% for January)
 - Tardies - 6% - Same students ever time
- Closing/Delays
 - Following D11
- Marketing Update
 - 2 representatives at the Parents Challenge choice fair
 - Marketing meeting will be at March 6th after school in person
- Staffing Update
 - Interviewing Office Specialist
 - Volunteers helping, Music class offered by parent (2x per week)
 - CC has piano's for sale, Connect with CC about possible partnerships
- Flag Ceremony
 - Retired LT Commander presented flag to the students

- Parent was in full dress uniform, showed how to fold and present flag
- Say Pledge of Allegiance everyday
- STEM Day
 - Cindy has a colleague who runs Ascend College Prep
 - Students attended last Friday to run STEM activities.
 - Possibly after school club in the future
- Data
 - Can't measure according to other school standards of testing
 - Orton calculates what percentage of benchmark scored
 - Average growth - Middle of the year testing is long, students have anxiety
 - Cindy does an overview of STAR Math, Not far off of the benchmark for certain grades,
 - STAR Reading, Writing Rubric, DIBELS DORF (connect to text passage that is at grade level, 3 components to the test)
 - Anna asks about data that shows students who have been in the Orton program (full dosage of intervention)
 - Why is 7th grade so low? - Could be a combination of new students and summer slide, Cindy will review data
 - Cindy is impressed with the growth, Students may not know phonics patterns yet, Cindy has happy with 20% grow based on MOY benchmarks
 - Take Flight has a progress monitoring system, DIBELS DORF is the best test available, Cindy gives background of DIBELS (Acadience)
 - DIBELS DAZE - fluency and accuracy (grade level passage)
 - Anne - Cindy will identify 2 or 3 goals in reading and will share with the board
 - Bruce - had an issue with the denominator switching on assessing data

5:15 Finance Committee Update

- Shannon G (Minga) - Covered internal control letter from the auditors, reviewed December financials (10k deficit, timing of payment, no concerns)

5:20 Nomination Committee Update

- Going to change the way people can apply to the board
- Emails will be sent out to interested applicants (interested applicants should email the board)
- Open until the end of February
- Bruce and Ted will review all applications and conduct interviews in March

5:25 SAC Update

- Alisa - Meeting last night (Feb 6), attempting to streamline things
- Set some goals for the remainder of the year
 - Staff can get volunteers
 - Staff/Student supplies
 - Pursuing becoming a formal PTO
- Three fundraisers this month
- Continuing to work on the ambassador program
- Need a community member to become a SAC member (prowl@ortonk8.org)

5:30 X8Global Update

- Staffing Updates - Interviews and Reference Checks
- Extra Support - Chelsea on campus for project support, PE teacher will lead Land Sharks group interest, Door will be completed

5:35 Action items - No Votes

5:45 Public Comments - No Comments

5:50 Old Business -

- ER BOCES Lawsuit vs District 11 - In favor of D11, Relationship is stable with ER BOCES, No changes in the meantime, D11 Leadership has expressed interest in having Orton application, Board is remaining transparent in decision making, when decisions are made a town hall will be held for parents to ask questions, evaluating opportunity

New Business

6:00 Meeting Adjourned

6:05 Executive Session