

ORTON ACADEMY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AGENDA

January 3, 2023

5:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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5:00 Meeting Call to Order

- Welcome - Anne visited Orton for Staff lunch and interacted with teachers, Highlight - Secret Santa reveal, camaraderie was strong, Thanked Cindy Kanuch, Recognized Alisa Morse (SAC)
- Roll Call/Introduction of Guests
- Approval of Minutes (December)
 - Motion - Ted
 - Second - Bruce

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

- Enrollment Update
 - One HS student has left, some kids may transfer
- Attendance Update
 - A lot of sickness in the building, 94% attendance
- Marketing Update
 - Need to set up a marketing meeting (Andy Franko)
 - Anne will get back to the board
 - Cindy has signed up for the School Choice Fair (Jan 21st)
 - Need a tagline, What is Orton, Dyslexia focus
 - 10 tours in the next two weeks
 - Tour Guide script needed for all people who run tours
 - Mark and Chelsea will help with tours
- Grants
 - \$5k in grant funding from the Zarlengo Foundation
- Staffing Update
 - New PE teacher on board
 - No math teacher hired, had an interview and offer letter sent, declined
 - Will look internally for Math teacher
- Assessments
 - Data looks good, Will put it together for February meeting

- Technology Update
 - Parent will meet with Orton team to discuss systems
 - Parent works with contractor to help set up the system (w/ teacher)
- Building Update
 - Parent will turn around the door and push bar
- BOCES Update
 - Site Review went well, BOCES will let us pick the goals and priority items.
 - AP (Dean) was recommended but the budget will determine future leadership growth
 - Charter School Conference will be attended by Anita Arnold and Cindy Kanuch

5:15 Discussion Items

- Finance Committee Update
 - Shannon Gossard - Orton is in a really good position. IDEA funding will come in, Need to do a supplemental budget (in March)
- November Financials

5:20 Nomination Committee Update

- Bruce and Ted - Andy Franko put together board documents, 2 year board membership (terms), start application process on February 1st (for a full month)
- 5 member board is what is appropriate for Orton Academy (Lynne will roll off of the board at the appropriate time)
- Term will start July 2023 - July 2025 (new members), Original members will stay on until June 2024
- March 6th - Starts interview process, Contact applicants March 3rd
- Decision made by end of month
- Bruce - want new members to join in meetings and get feet wet before the July start time.
- Cindy will email the parents and let them know of the coming board process
- Lynne - Are there positions for community members and parents?
- Board Review - Skills analysis will be completed
- Andy Franko - Recommendation - 5 member board that has a strong community membership (new organizational items that are sustainable first), Should not have a parent led board for another cycle. Define Community Member vs Parent (3-2 board ratio for another year).
- Alisa Morse - Can she be a non-voting member? SAC is an accountability committee with fair representation. Contract Schools sometimes have a blurred line between SAC and Board.

SAC will have a standing agenda to speak to the board. Alisa recommends putting together a job description for parents.

5:25 SAC Update

- Alisa Morse update - PROWL (parent community and SAC)
- Marketing conversation at the last meeting
 - What can we do to become a formal PTO?
 - Orton SWAG - Displayed Hoodie Mockup
 - How would we go into the process of districting into D11?

5:30 X8Global Update

- Continual Support for Orton Academy
 - Will support new PE teacher with on boarding and teacher prep
 - Interviews will continue with Math and Counseling positions
 - Site Review participation with X8 Global
 - Choice Fair will be attended by X8 (Mark) to support
 - Website Update - Recommend hiring a professional website developer to create a word press site.
- Promotional Video - Want to feature Cindy to create a video that Orton is showcased

5:35 Action items - NONE

5:45 Public Comments

5:50 Old Business

New Business

6:00 Meeting Adjourned