

## ORTON ACADEMY

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

#### AGENDA

March 7th, 2023

5:00 p.m.

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81747566659?pwd=aFZGOTIDdlRvb210ajBDSXljMlljUT09>

#### 5:00 Meeting Call to Order

- Welcome - (All members present)
- Roll Call/Introduction of Guests
- Approval of Minutes (February)
  - Approve - Ted
  - Second - Bruce
  - All in Favor
- Approval of Minutes (Special Board Meeting - Feb 20)
  - Approve - Lynne
  - Second - Bruce
  - All in Favor

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

- Enrollment Update
  - Enrollment is currently at 90, Brenda will call current parents who have registered and re-enrollment, 58 out of 90 of parents have responded, losing one student, and one is a maybe.
  - Biggest class is 6th grade at 25 students, possibly 2 classes of 6th grade.
  - Continuing with the Information Night, every two weeks will be online or in person.
- Attendance Update
  - Attendance is down, a number of bad weather days, remote learning day. Students are sick, a three day weekend coming up and will help.
  - Closing and Delays - only 1 remote learning day left. More and more students are not attending the remote learning days. Will try 2 hour delays in the near future.
- Marketing Update
  - Great stakeholders meeting last night, great questions and feedback/critique. What was most exciting was that the ideas Cindy got from the Charter League conference were echoed in the stakeholders meeting.

- Meeting was an emotional experience and parents stated that Orton provides not only reading therapy but also confidence and being seen and known. Meaningful time. Staff cares for the kids.
- Would be great to give some testimonials to D11. Marketing efforts.
- Cindy - Orton is unique because of the parents. They are great partners in this educational process. Partnership is very unique.
- Staffing Update
  - Working with staff on branding and email signatures.
  - SPED opening, Invited candidates on Indeed.
- Fundraising
  - Chick-Fila
  - Bird Call
  - Skate City
  - \$322 in fundraising
- Community Partnerships - NOTHING MENTIONED

5:10 Finance Committee Update - Actuals trending, IDEA reimbursement came in, ECEA funds were a little lower.

- Review proposal for website development
  - Finance committee discussed the proposal from developers
  - Committee has chosen a proposal.

5:20 Nomination Committee Update

- Two applications on the website
- Bruce and Ted will check emails from Anne about inquiries into board applications
- Lynne asked about an applicant even though the timeline had past. They will allow them to apply for the position.

5:25 SAC Update

- Busy for SAC, three fundraisers, parents helped staff those functions
- Continual work on the structure with SAC and PTO
- Currently selling Orton gear
- Fundraiser with Altitude and Ninja group

5:30 X8Global Update

- Continual Interviewing for SPED, CALT, Math
- Door Completion by Mike tomorrow night
- Archery Equipment will be renewed through Mark Carlson's archery instructor credentials.
- Action Plan
  - 4 major improvement goals
    - Leadership
    - SPED

- Instructional
- Most positive meeting and work done to complete
- Improvement in SPED was a huge celebration
- Site Visit was helpful and useful information
- Working with Lynne and the Shelton School
  - Largest school in the world for learning disabilities
  - Students are categorized in 1 of 6 categories.
  - Multiple types of interventions
  - Elementary schools are very montessori
  - Very orderly and organization is taught in kindergarten
- Site Visit to go to Dallas
- Charter League Conference was very beneficial and Cindy brought back great information
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#### 5:35 D11 Charter Application Update

- Received intent to apply (District 11)
- Opportunity to receive a full application process this year or next year.
- MOU possible for the following year.
- Solution to legal issues could be Orton being a Charter school in D11
- D11 legal team will discuss about ER BOCES
- ER BOCES application covers a lot of D11 application
- Confident that there will be a partnership of some sort.
- Someone needs to reach out to ER BOCES about next steps, Andy Franko has reached out to Ken Witt.
- Question from Parent - When is the information night about the D11 situation?
  - A lot of uncertainty and questions
  - Will hold meeting when there is a path forward and clarity, need to be patient and proactive
  - Recommend to send out a follow up email to parents about status moving forward
  - Will be transparent moving forward

#### 5:40 Action items

- Approval of Website Vendor (Reviewed 6 vendors)
  - 303 Creative
    - Approve - Ted

- Second - Bruce
  - All in favor
- Amazon Prime Card
  - Brenda Rico (Front Desk Manager) and Cindy Kanuch (Principal)
    - Approve - Bruce
    - Second - Lynne
    - All in Favor

5:45 Public Comments

5:50 Old Business

New Business

6:00 Meeting Adjourned - **5:50PM**

6:05 Executive Session