

ORTON ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES

November 1, 2022
5:00 p.m.

Board Chair Anne Boris called the meeting to order at 5:03.

- Board members in attendance: Anne Boris, Ted Harvey, Lynne Fitzhugh
- Guests in attendance: Eric Dinnell, Mark Carlson, Cindy Kanuch, Shannon Gossard, Alisa Morse, Jenny Wilson

Lynne moved to approve the October minutes; Ted seconded.

Orton Academy Principal's Report – Cindy Kanuch

- Enrollment Update: 88 including homeschool students
- Attendance Update: Absences and tardies are a problem. The Dean of Students will be sending letters and following up with parents about these issues.
- Marketing Update: Marketing through social media continues. 15 students are enrolled for next school year.
- Fundraising Update:
 - Popcorn rally was successful. Cindy thanked the Board for its support.
 - Although students raised money to rent the gym for \$175/day, Holy Trinity countered at \$300/day for rent. Both parties agreed on Tuesday through Thursday use from November through May with an exception for inclement weather.
 - Lynne asked about rental contract changed to be with Orton Academy rather than Colorado Literacy & Learning Center (now Colorado Dyslexia Foundation). Mark and Eric will follow up with Ryan Dayberry.
- Staffing Update: With the addition of a new math teacher, the school now is fully staffed.
- Professional Development: Staff have attended PD in Randa, as well as online learning in case of inclement weather.
- Building Update:
 - 8-9 used Smart Boards have been donated. Eric asked Cindy to make sure they are usable. Ted offered to pick them up in Castle Pines and deliver to school.

- Staff computers are needed.
- Synergy is partially up and running for state reporting. Shannon assisted Cindy. Cindy's goal: attendance, grade book, parent portal.
- Anne asked what is planned for students once they complete Take Flight. Cindy said some students receive OG, while others have specific plans for reading and writing based upon their assessment of needs.
- BOCES Update: Cindy gave a BOCES update.

Finance Committee Report

- Shannon presented the updated budget. One change from last month's proposed budget was \$9,000 from one FTE. Orton Academy hopefully will receive \$400,000 in IDEA funding. Ted moved to accept the budget, Lynne seconded.

X8Global Update

- Mark gave an update on Orton support.
 - Mark is working with school coach.
 - Locks have been replaced and security door should be here soon.
 - Safety and security checks have been planned.
- Eric reported that the site review will be held in person onsite. He will keep the Board posted.

Anne presented the following documents to the Board:

- Board Member Code of Conduct
- Application for Appointment
- Announcements

Public comments:

- Alise Morse commented that school is going well.
- Jenny Wilson commented that the dyslexia simulation held at the school impacted her. She will keep her daughter enrolled there through 8th grade.

No old or new business

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45.