

ORTON ACADEMY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AGENDA

October 4, 2022
5:00 p.m.

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

5:00 Meeting Call to Order
Welcome

Roll Call/Introduction of Guests - Introduction of all members on the board and all the community members

Approval of Minutes - Ted – Moved, Lynne – Second

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

- Enrollment Update
 - 95 total students – added 4 new students
- Attendance Update
 - Low 90% for attendance, Dean of Students is working with attendance issues, Contacting parents with tardies
- Marketing Update
 - Social Media Influence on new enrollments
 - Need New Signs for the school – Going to ask Church about a large sign for the building
 - Looking to update the website, SAC committee has parents who want to update the site
 - Mountain Country Radio – Will connect with local nonprofits to advertise
 - Cricut Donation for the School – Want to make merchandise and logos for schools/hoodies/cars/mugs
- Dyslexia Awareness Month
 - Started Saturday
 - Spoke with the PROWL group about partnering for Dyslexia Awareness
 - School Spirit Week – Student Counsel
 - Fundraiser Success Rally – Kids wear red (Friday, Oct 14th)
- Fundraising Update
 - Students sold \$10,500, \$4398 in donation – Total \$14,898
 - Remind the students that “their hard work” got the gym
 - Winning Class the pizza party (Carlson will buy)
 - Louis the Fuzzamellow – Dyslexic Stuffed Animal (For Top 5 Winners)

- Zarlengo - \$35,000 for Grant for Technology (Chromebooks, Smart Boards, Tech Support) Will find out in Mid-December
- Staffing Update
 - 3 full time PARA's and 2.8 Special Ed teachers currently, can hire one more PARA's
 - No Middle School Math Teacher currently (Brenda and Cindy currently co-teaching the class)
- Professional Development
 - 3 of the 4 CALTS are attending Reading in the Rockies this week
 - Great speakers on Dyslexic topics
 - Last PD day - RANDA Overview, Data collection, Curriculum Mapping (This Friday), MSL/MSO
- Building Update
 - Door will be installed by end of the month
 - Bathroom issues – Girls bathroom
 - Car fire in the parking lot (staff evacuated to the north side of the building)
- BOCES Update
 - SIS is up and running
 - Working on other supports for Synergy
 - Report Cards will be handled via Excel for this quarter

5:10 Discussion Items

- Financial Committee Report
 - Meeting will be on the Monday before the Board meeting at the start of the month
 - Shannon Update – Revised budget will be based on 95 students
 - ER BOCES – Extended IDEA funds for Special Education
 - What is the long term funded needed to support Orton Academy?
 - Will need to post a “Notice of Budget” on the website so parents can access the budget if needed

5:15 X8Global Update

- Orton Supports
 - PE Archery Grant and Training
 - HR Work – Hiring, Indeed.com, Interviews, Reference checks
 - Supported Zarlengo Grant writing process
- X8Global Leadership Institute
 - NPBEA Standards (National Policy Board for Education Administration)
 - Support Orton Leadership Induction program for State of Colorado

5:20 Action items

- Approval of School Policies – Postpone Approval of Section A, Approved Andy Franko as a Title IX Coordinator
 - Section B - School Board Governance and Operations – Cindy recommends going over Section B for the board first, Anne will work on the Board Governance, Andy will support Anne with the policy work

- Approval of September 6, 2022 board meeting minutes
- Vote to approve Orton Academy Bylaws – Ted moved, Lynne - Second

5:45 Public Comments – No Comment

5:50 Old Business – None

New Business – Election Policy – Want to grow the board

- How large do we want to be?
- How many open spots do we want?
- Bylaws state we can add up to 9 board members
- Anne wants 5 to 7 board members
- Shannon G recommends 7 members
- Andy F – Appoint now, Elections in the future
- Anne asks Andy – What is the best steps for Now?
- Board needs to see what positions are needed (i.e budget/financial background)
- Candidates will fill out application, Board decides who is the best candidate for the given position
- Election Policy
 - Will create a form for the candidates to fill out
 - Subcommittee for the board to filter and send to the board, view eligibility requirements, review applications, conduct interviews, what are the commitments to board, bring top candidates to the board for appointing
 - Evaluate Skill Sets of all applicants
 - Volunteers – Ted, Bruce, Lynne
 - Signing a Non-Conflict of Interest, Create Eligibility Policy
- Andy would like to meet with the board if there are potential conflicts with candidates
- **Vote – Election Eligibility Policy (Ted – Moved, Bruce Second)**
- **Board Certification Form (Lynne – Moved, Bruce – Second)**
- **Next Steps – Newsletter will advertise interest form**

6:00 Meeting Adjourned