

**ORTON ACADEMY**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**September 6, 2022, 5:00pm**

**MINUTES**

5:02 Meeting Call to Order by Board Chair Anne Boris

Welcome

Board members present: Anne Boris, Ted Harvey, Lynne Fitzhugh, Bruce MacHaffie

Introduction of Guests: Cindy Kanuch (Principal), Jen and Gregg Heavener (parents), Alisa Morse (parent and SAC Co-Chair), Mark Carlson (X-8 Global), Eric Dinnel (X-8 Global), Shannon Gossard (Minga Education)

Approval of August Minutes: Motion to approve by Ted Harvey, second by Lynne Fitzhugh. No objections. Minutes approved

Orton Academy Principal's Report – Cindy Kanuch

- Enrollment Update – 88 students (including 2 homeschool)
- Marketing Update – social marketing boost taking place, need signage updated, billboard placed on I-25
- Attendance Update – first few weeks of school saw a lot of illness
- Fundraising Update – popcorn fundraiser kick-off this Friday at 3
- Staffing Update – still working on filling all positions but almost complete, some teachers have been moved, SPED needs continue
- In-Service Updates – have gone well
- Building Update – doors updated for security purposes, security window and door coming for school entry
- BOCES Update – weekly meetings are going much better this year. BOCES needs proof of training from all Board members

Orton Academy 501c3 update - Eric Dinnel

Orton Academy is collaborating with BOCES

Reviewing costs of substitutes in other districts

Action items

- Approval of School Policies
- Section A - Foundations and Basic Commitments
  - Policies reviewed by Cindy
  - Discussion by Board

- Compliance Officer to be appointed
- Cindy will serve as Title IX Coordinator
- Alisa Morse suggested that SAC and PTO be combined.

Potential name: PROWL

#### Section B - School Board Governance and Operations

Will be sent to Board soon

Board will do a close read before next meeting

#### Public Comments

Jen Heavener commented on D-8 subs and SAC/DAC

#### Old Business

Ted asked Shannon about reason behind Minga's contract increasing so much. Anne commented the Board wants to leverage as much support as possible based upon what is written in contract. After discussion, Ted moved to approve contract, second by Bruce. No objections. Motion passed

#### New Business

None

6:20 Meeting Adjourned

