

Orange Grove Charter School

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 15, 2022

ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Rebecca Jones, Mrs. Haley Webster, Mr. John H. Clendaniel, Mr. Steve Arato, Mrs. Amanda Fehr, Mrs. Dianne Probst, Mr. Mark Ables

Zoom: Mrs. Christy Nickolauson and Mr. Dave Faunce, Prestige School Solutions, LLC,
Mr. Marcus DeBiasi

Absent: Mr. John Guerry, Mrs. Hattie Wallen, Mr. Justin Welch

VISITORS:

Mr. Steve Schonveld, Principal, middle campus
Dr. Laney White, Principal, elementary campus
Dr. Heather Holmes, Assistant Principal, elementary campus

CALL TO ORDER:

1. Mrs. Amanda Fehr called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
2. Mrs. Dianne Probst read the Mission Statement.
3. Mr. Mark Ables made a motion to approve the agenda and the motion was seconded by Mrs. Rebecca Jones. Motion approved.
4. Mrs. Dianne Probst made the motion and Mr. Mark Ables seconded the motion to approve the minutes from August 18, 2022. Motion approved.
5. No Citizen Participation.
6. Mrs. Christy Nickolauson, Prestige School Solutions, LLC, presented the August 18, 2022 budget and reviewed the FY23 August Financials. Mrs. Rebecca Jones made a motion to approve the budget as presented and Mrs. Dianne Probst seconded the motion. Motion approved.
 1. Mr. Dave Faunce presented Charter School Boards Fiduciary Duties Fiscal Management and Budgeting.

7. **Chief Executive Officer Report, Mr. John H. Clendaniel**

- At 1150 students, we are at full capacity!
- PTO is in the midst of their coupon book fundraiser and planning our Boosterthon that will kick off next month. PTO meetings and grade level performances are returning. The first meeting will be October 3rd. Rather than a grade level performance we will be hosting the PRO Kids Show. A magic show based on character traits.
- Trained 97 volunteers since the start of the year.
- Thanks to your vote last month, we moved the \$6 million from the operating account to the trust account and those funds are locked in to earn 3.1% interest. Almost \$180,000 more revenue will be generated as a result.

Middle

- Planning our Halloween dances for 6th, 7th and 8th grade.
- Teachers are encouraged by last year's success and motivated to do even better this year.
- Extracurricular activities have begun, and we have a lot of students involved in a lot of things other than academics. Right now, we have volleyball, cross country, robotics, and surf club happening after school. Thank you to all of our coaches for all the time they put in with our students. It is a huge commitment and we appreciate it very much.
- Field trips are back in full swing. The 7th Graders will go on their first trip in a few weeks. They are going kayaking on Shem Creek to reinforce the science standards.
- Booster Bash at the middle school is Thursday, October 27th. We'll be promoting an "Extreme Recess" which is very similar to what we did last year. It's an hour of "unstructured" recess time with many activities brought in for them to enjoy. The middle school students love extra time outside with their friends, free to do whatever they want to do. The goal at the middle school is to raise \$15,000.

Elementary

- Birthday celebrations are back. We have already celebrated our June and July birthdays and will continue throughout the year to celebrate birthdays on Fridays each week.
- Student of the Week celebrations also returned this week. Those will take place every two weeks where teachers recognize a student in their class for academic or behavioral improvements.
- Clubs are up and running for all students in grades 2-5. All grade levels have finished assessing students and have used that data to group them in their WTR reading groups in Kindergarten-5th grade. Personalizing reading this way is something pretty special that OG does to meet students where they are in order to push them to the next level.

- As you know, we are experiencing some delays with the install of our new playground. We're told late September/early October. However, we have worked with the district and they are putting new wood chips in to get us by until the equipment comes in. When we do this, these wood chips will be repurposed in our daycare playground area.
- It has been wonderful having parents back in the building, volunteering in the classroom, and helping PTO with our coupon book fundraiser. Terri Neal has been instrumental in coordinating with volunteers to get money counted and books out to students. Everyday we have parents coming in and having lunch with their children as well. We are so glad parents are taking advantage of these opportunities.
- The elementary ranks number 7th out of all 625 elementary schools in the state. The middle ranks 11th out of 311. When we compare ourselves to the district and state (as you'll see in your packet) we are vastly out performing both and have already met the lofty future goals 2026 and 2035. I'm so proud of our students and staff and to think that this happened during a very challenging year is even more impressive.
- We had 22 perfect scores this year. That's a new record, as you'll see. We will recognize and honor those students soon via a video broadcast for the entire school to see. They also receive a plaque from the school and are featured in the Tiger's Roar.
- September 23rd early release.

10. New Business

- No new business

11. Good of the Order

- Mr. Steve Schnolveld shared a funny story about the 8th Grade Beta club board meeting.
- Mr. Steve Arato, Jr. shared that he is really enjoying his new position this year and thankful for the opportunity to serve in the resource role.
- Mr. John H. Clendaniel shared a story about being thankful for the middle school staff and their efforts towards cleaning up after an extremely rainy day dismissal where water was coming through the base of the doors. He was so appreciative to show up and see so many people who truly cared and helped with a terrible situation. So proud of the way staff step up and help with whatever needs to be done to get it done.

12. Adjourn

Mrs. Rebecca Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:07pm. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Dianne Probst. Motion Approved.