

**Orange Grove Charter School**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**December 16, 2021**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs. Jennifer Mieras, Mrs. Amanda Fehr, Mr. John Guerry, Mr. Steve Arato, Mrs. Dianne Probst, Mr. Jason White, Mrs. Shelby Lalli, Mrs. Teyako Woods, Mrs. Haley Webster, Mr. Tad Fletcher and Mr. John H. Clendaniel

**Zoom:** Mrs. Christy Nickolauson, Prestige School Solutions

**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. Jennifer Mieras called the Meeting to Order at 6:01pm
2. Mrs. Shelby Lalli read the Mission Statement.
3. Mrs. Shelby Lalli made the motion and Mrs. Amanda Fehr seconded the motion to adopt the Agenda. Motion approved and the Agenda was adopted.
4. Mr. John Guerry made the motion and Mr. Jason White seconded the motion to approve the November 18, 2021 Minutes. Motion approved.
5. Citizen Participation – None
  - a. Mrs. Amanda Fehr acknowledged an emailed public comment from Mrs. Jordan Sandlin.
6. Financial Report:

Mrs. Christy Nickolauson, Prestige School Solutions, presented the November Financial Report.

  - a. Mrs. Shelby Lalli made the motion and Mrs. Amanda Fehr seconded the motion to approve the November Financial Report as presented. Motion approved.
7. Principal Report  
Mr. John H. Clendaniel noted:

- a. Mr. John H. Clendaniel thanked the Board for approving the bonuses for staff. It meant a lot to the staff and was evident by the many thank you cards and notes that was passed around.
  - b. December is a short but very fun filled time at school. Two weeks of style days, recorded the annual sing-a-long and though parents nor homemade treats were allowed at the parties the students had a great time.
  - c. Gifts were collected for our 45 Angel Tree families (most of the families with more than one sibling), and collected over \$5,000 for our Love Offering which goes to bus drivers, maintenance and janitorial staff and both cafeteria staff.
  - d. Student Council collected food items for our Back-Pack Buddies Program and the Ronald McDonald house.
  - e. COVID update – OGCS numbers in October and November were great. There were weeks with zero cases at both campuses. December has definitely seen an increase in number of cases which goes along with the trends of the county, state and nation. According to the district’s board decision on Monday, December 13, who we are again mirroring, students and staff without exemptions, will be returning to school in January wearing masks unless the number decreases. Information on this along with the exemption waiver paperwork will be sent out before leaving tomorrow.
  - f. Sports – Six basketball teams have started their season that will end at the end of January. Then its spring sports in mid-January.
  - g. Spelling Bee – Hannah McLaughlin won at the middle school and will participate in the district bee coming soon. Graham Brown was the runner up.
  - h. Lottery for 2022-2023 – will open in January 2022, running from January 25 – February 25. Admin will be participating in a Virtual School Choice Fair sponsored by CCSD (Zoom meeting with questions through chat room). OGCS will not be visiting preschool as in the past, but will be putting out our “you’re in the zone” signs. Per a condition of our charter renewal, we are sending out nearly 5,000 mailers letting households know that they reside in the original attendance zone.
  - i. Mr. John H. Clendaniel went briefly over data from the State’s Annual Report. Orange Grove students are outperforming their peers at the district and state level in all subgroups.
8. New Business
- a. Recommendation to change the next meeting date from January 20 to January 27, 2022. Mr. Jason White made the motion and Mrs. Shelby Lalli seconded the motion. Motion approved.
  - b. Additional eLearning days that CCSD adopted – February 4, March 11 and April 9, 2022. Motion made by Mrs. Shelby Lalli and seconded by Mr. Tad Fletcher. Motion approved.

10. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Mr. Steve Arato and Mrs. Haley Webster thanked the Board for their generous bonus.

- a. Mrs. Shelby Lalli had a good time helping to hand out the bonus.
- b. Mr. John Guerry was amazed of how much Mr. John H. Clendaniel knew his personnel and little tidbits about each staff member. That goes also with Mr. Steve Schonveld at the middle campus.
- c. Mr. Steve Schonveld – senior boys went to the North Charleston Coliseum to help with Toys for Tots. It was good to see so many OGCS alumni in attendance.
- d. Mrs. Teyako Woods – PTO President was able to provide Amazon eGift cards to all staff.
- e. Mr. John H. Clendaniel did five days of presents to all staff in a show of appreciation.
- f. Mrs. Amanda Fehr – son William (seventh grader) was happy with the style days and glad not to waste his holiday wear.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion made by Mrs. Shelby Lalli and seconded by Mr. Jason White to adjourn at 6:31pm. Motion approved.