

Orange Grove Charter School
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 17, 2022

ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Jennifer Mieras, Mrs. Shelby Lalli, Mrs. Amanda Fehr, Mr. John Guerry, Mrs. Haley Webster, Mrs. Teyako Woods, and Mr. John H. Clendaniel

Attendance by Phone - Mr. Jason White

Absent: Mr. Steve Arato, Mr. Tad Fletcher, Mrs. Dianne Probst

VISITORS:

Mr. Steve Schonveld, Principal, middle campus
Dr. Heather Holmes, Assistant Principal, elementary campus
Mrs. Wanda Colston, Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Sarah Selvidge, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER:

1. Mrs. Jennifer Mieras called the Meeting to Order at 6:00pm.
2. Mrs. Shelby Lalli read the Mission Statement.
3. Mrs. Shelby Lalli made the motion and Mr. John Guerry seconded the motion to approve the Agenda. Motion approved and Agenda was adopted.
4. Mrs. Shelby Lalli made the motion and Mr. John Guerry seconded the motion to approve the January 21, 2022 Minutes. Motion approved.
5. Citizen Participation – No one appeared or requested to participate.
6. Financial Report – Mr. John H. Clendaniel, CEO, presented the January 2022 Financial Report.
 - Mr. John Guerry made the motion and Mrs. Shelby Lalli seconded the motion to approve the January 2022 Financial Report as presented. Motion approved.

7. CEO Report - Mr. John H. Clendaniel noted:

General Updates:

- a. Fire at the Palms Apartments, Monday, February 14, 2022, took precedent the first half of week and it was incredible to see the support from Orange Grove and the surrounding community. Dr. Laney White took lead in communicating directly with the two OG families. We have met the immediate needs and look forward in our helping them with furnishings once they are relocated. Over \$15,000 in donations have been collected.
- b. Mrs. Amy Bosman, mental health counselor, was hired for both campuses. Mrs. Bosman, has experience with CCSD schools, the Department of Mental Health in their Mobile Crisis Division.
- c. Mrs. Lauren Connelly, resource teacher, was hired for the elementary campus.
- d. With a grant from CDC, we were able to add an assistant for both clinics for the remainder of the school year.
- e. Under Job Opportunities for 2022-2023 openings are listed on the website. We'll need a Spanish 1 and a Resource Teacher with a general posting for elementary teacher in case of retirements.
- f. An Addendum was made to the Demolition Bid advertisement for those due dates that was pushed back by one week.
- g. Budget – In August the Board authorized Mr. John H. Clendaniel to use up to \$200,000 for the project. An expense line was added to the budget for information and record keeping.
- h. School Choice Application window will close February 25 with approximately 1,034 applications as of Monday, February 21. Looking at approximately 110-120 spots to fill.
- i. Half day Friday with an 11:40 elementary dismissal and an 12:15 middle school dismissal. eLearning day is Monday with students learning from home and teachers working on campus.

Middle Update:

- a. Congratulations to eighth graders Hannah McLaughlin and Hannah Johnson who earned the golden tickets to AMHS (Academic Magnet High School) for having the highest class ranking.
 - o Fun Fact – seven girls and one boy from Orange Grove have won since the program started.

- b. CCSD Interim Superintendent Mr. Donald Kennedy judged the middle school Black History Month door decorating contest.
- c. End of year events at the middle campus:
 - o May 21 – Semi Formal at Poplar Grove
 - o May 24 – Field Day
 - o May 25-27 Atlanta Trip for eighth graders
 - o June 1 – Graduation Ceremony

Elementary Update:

- a. Thanks to a PTO fundraiser, 3,500 Bundt Cakes arrived and were distributed at the elementary campus. Nothing Bundt Cakes was blown away with our supportive school community.
- b. Valentine’s Day was another big hit at the elementary campus with class parties and treats.
- c. Congratulations to our elementary girls’ and boys’ basketball teams on their undefeated seasons.
- d. Tennis teams have started for grades first – fifth with two red ball, one orange ball and one green ball teams.

COVID Report:

- a. Updated COVID Dashboard for each campus was given to the Board. Numbers are staying consistent with what is seen in the area.
- b. CCSD has March 14, as the current date for mask requirements to expire and OG will mirror the requirement.
- c. Quarantine Compensation – 357.5 hours - \$13,600.25 (October 2021- February 2022).

8. Action Items/New Business

Mr. John Guerry updated the Board on OG Communications Committee Report

- a. Activities:
 - o Committee meets weekly to discuss status, determine next steps and finalize recommendations to report to the Board.
- b. Website:
 - o Interviewed Mrs. Anna McFall
 - o Initial Recommendations – establish a lead and co-lead with one person for elementary and middle school
- c. Social Media:

- Interviewed Mrs. Erin Foushee
- Initial Recommendations - Social Media platforms should continue to be used as a positive, newsworthy showcase of events at both campuses.
 - Communicate to parents what the main platforms are
 - Evaluate other mass communications and what could/should be shared
- d. Mass Communications:
 - Includes: email, phone calls, text messaging, media/press, postal mail.
 - Initial Recommendations – explore content that can be published to website and other communication paths
 - Survey requests for input/feedback.
 - Researched and reviewed previous surveys and will send two surveys to gather information (Staff and Parent focused).
- e. Board Communications – currently researching other school practices and developing a list of concepts to implement
- f. Student Communications – team gathered information about current student communications.
 - Initial Recommendations – leverage social media as a secondary avenue for student communications (middle school only).
- g. Investigate other school practices
 - Currently researching other school practices and developing a list of concepts to recommend.
- h. Key Upcoming Dates and Events
 - Survey Release
 - Parent Survey – under development
 - Staff Survey – under review
- i. Board Meeting – March 17, 2022
 - Final Recommendations/Conclusions
 - Not all recommendations need to be submitted at this time, whatever is ready for review/feedback should be presented.

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER: Mr. John H. Clendaniel thanked Mrs. Erin Foushee and Mrs. Anna McFall for handling the social media communication.

- a. Matthew Gladden, CJ Johnson, and Reed Clendaniel were recognized as “all conference” in basketball.
- b. Jamison Guerry donated \$20.00 to the Fire Donation and had twenty people match his \$20.00 donation.

- c. Mrs. Teyako Woods – Nothing Bundt Cakes brought a U-Haul for the 3,600 Bundt cakes that were ordered. A big thank you to Mrs. Sarah Selvidge, Mrs. Wanda Colston and Mrs. Neen Legault (formerly Citizen) and the volunteers that were able to come in and help bag and deliver them.
- d. Mrs. Amanda Fehr – congratulations to the middle school Robotics team. This weekend will be the state competition. Both teams have won older team innovations and younger team for showcase.
- e. Mr. John H. Clendaniel – congratulation to Mrs. Alyson Book, her daughter Addison was born on February 15th.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Shelby Lalli made the motion and Mr. John Guerry seconded the motion to adjourn at 6:40pm.