

Orange Grove Charter School
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 27, 2022

ATTENDANCE:

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

ZOOM: Mrs. Christy Nickolauson, Prestige School Solutions

VISITORS:

Dr. Laney White, Principal, elementary campus
Mr. Steve Schonveld, Principal, middle campus
Dr. Heather Holmes, Assistant Principal, elementary campus
Mrs. Sarah Selvidge, Executive Assistant
Mrs. Blair Stec, parent
Mrs. Jordan Sandlin, parent
Mrs. Lasley Steever, parent

CALL TO ORDER:

1. Mrs. Jennifer Mieras called Meeting to Order at 6:02 pm.
2. Mrs. Shelby Lalli read Mission Statement.
3. Mrs. Shelby Lalli made the motion and Mr. Jason White seconded the motion to adopt the Agenda. Motion approved and the Agenda was adopted.
4. Mr. John Guerry made the motion and Mrs. Amanda Fehr seconded the motion to approve the December 16, 2021 Minutes. Motion approved.
5. Citizen Participation: two-minute speaker – Mrs. Jordan Sandlin (Pride flags).
6. Financial Report - Mrs. Christy Nickolauson, Prestige School Solutions, presented the December 2021 Financial Report.
 - o Mr. John Guerry made the motion and Mrs. Shelby Lalli seconded the motion to approve the December 2021 Financial Report as presented. Motion approved.
7. Principal's Report- Mr. John Clendaniel noted:

- Playground for elementary campus in the works
 - No zipline due to risk
 - Install this summer
- Biome projects were presented to parents in the car loop line - Mayor Tecklenburg was in attendance.
- 8th graders chosen to take the NAPE - scores will help the state overall
- Middle school Black History Month door decorating project is underway.
- Two new clubs were formed at the Middle School: Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA) and Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA)
- Senior boys team made the playoffs
- Admin offered a full scholarship to the student who wanted to attend the eighth grade Paris trip.
- School Choice Lottery is now open with 540 applications.
 - Provided an example of the flyer that went out to the OGCS school zone reminding parents they are “in the zone”
- School Choice advertisement forms were discussed
- Riverpointe demolition plans underway, schedule provided
- Budget season will start with March draft reading to include
 - Summer Scholars and air quality improvements to Middle School campus
 - Transportation (ESSER eligible) need one – two additional new buses
 - Behavior interventionist idea being explored
 - Middle school improvement, painting, etc. some can use ESSER funds
- COVID UPDATE
 - Dashboard copies provided to board
 - Peaked in December / early January
 - Week of January 8 was worst with 39 cases at the elementary and 14 cases at the middle.
 - Had good luck with Substitute teachers.
 - Mrs. Wanda Colston gets shout out for helping with SUBS to ensure availability
 - Extended Day personnel and bus drivers have been showing up to help
 - Who can sub and how? Sub training has been held recently. Call Mrs. Wanda Colston or Mrs. Chandler Bryant-Perryman.

8. Action items / New Business

- Mrs. Jennifer Mieras proposed starting up a communication committee
 - Take a look at how OGCS currently communicates
 - Figure out where strengths and weaknesses are when communicating
 - Provided a quick look sheet as far as goals, areas to review, and the composition of the board
 - Timeline summary- Begin immediately with initial recommendations at the February meeting and more complete recommendations at the March meeting.
 - Goals

- 1. To gain a better understanding of and document/inventory the internal and external communication channels/methods/strategy currently utilized by OGCS (including Board).
- 2. To gain a better understanding of and document/inventory the internal and external feedback mechanisms currently used by OGCS (including Board).
- 3. The committee will make recommendations regarding areas/processes needing additional study/research, areas/processes of excellence and areas/processes in need of improvement/enhancement to The Board for review.
- 4. Examine communication methods utilized by other elementary and middle schools.
- Based on evaluation, the committee provides feedback to the board for consideration and review. Recommendations are not mandatory, and are severable in part or whole.
- Communication Committee Members
 - Mrs. Amanda Fehr and Mr. John Guerry proposed co-chairs.
 - Parent representative Mrs. Teyako Woods
 - Teacher representative Mrs. Haley Webster
 - Admin team Mrs. Sarah Selvidge
 - Meet in February and report findings at March meeting
- Mrs. Amanda Fehr made the motion and Mr. John Guerry seconded the motion to approve the Communication Committee Members. Motion approved.

9. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Mrs. Jennifer Mieras shared story about her high school where a school shooting recently occurred, which she explained gave her added insight into the challenges that teachers and staff have to face these days that are way out of the normal job requirements and expectations, and she expressed thanks to the staff at OGCS.
- Mr. Steve Arato shared that he is extremely happy and thankful for Orange Grove teachers, staff, and atmosphere that make this a home for not only himself but his kids.
- Dr. Laney White shared another story about how the OGCS community really binds together to take care of everyone and works together as a team. Mrs. Jennifer Mieras mentioned her positive experience with the staff making the substitutes all function smoothly, she remarked that she knows she's the "fun substitute" which Mr. John H. Clendaniel confirmed with a story about how Mrs. Jennifer Mieras was the first substitute to bring in doughnuts!
- Mr. Jason White shared that he has two kids at two different schools, and he has noticed a high atmosphere and infectious culture at OGCS that you don't see at other schools

- Mrs. Teyako Woods mentioned the “sweetest way to support OGCS” through a partnership with “Nothing Bundt Cake” and have delivery of goodies by Feb 11th in time for Valentine’s Day.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Shelby Lalli made the motion and Mrs. Amanda Fehr seconded the motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm.