

**Orange Grove Charter School**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**March 16, 2023**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs. Rebecca Jones, Mrs. Hattie Wallen, Mrs. Haley Webster, Mr. Justin Welch, Mrs. Dianne Probst, Mr. Mark Ables, Mr. Steve Arato, Mrs. Amanda Fehr, Mr. John Guerry and Mr. John H. Clendaniel.

**Zoom Attendance:**

Mrs. Christy Nickolauson, Prestige School Solutions, LLC

**Absent:** Mr. Marcus DeBiasi

**VISITORS:**

Dr. Laney White, Principal, elementary campus  
Dr. Heather Holmes, Assistant Principal, elementary campus  
Mrs. Sarah Selvidge, Executive Assistant

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Justin Welch called the Meeting to Order at 6:01pm.

**2.0 Welcome/Pledge of Allegiance**

**3.0 Reading of Mission Statement**

Mr. Mark Ables read the Mission Statement

**4.0 Adoption of Agenda**

Mrs. Rebecca Jones made the motion and Mr. Mark Ables seconded the motion to adopt the Agenda. Motion approved.

**5.0 Adoption of Minutes**

Mrs. Dianne Probst made the motion and Mrs. Rebecca Jones seconded the motion to approve the Minutes as written. Motion approved.

**6.0 Citizen Participation**

No one appeared or requested to participate.

### **7.0 Financial Report**

Mrs. Christy Nickolauson, Prestige School Solutions presented the February Financial Report. Mr. John Guerry made the motion and Mrs. Rebecca Jones seconded the motion to approve the February Financial Report as presented. Motion approved.

Mrs. Christy Nickolauson went over the Draft Reading of the FY24 Budget.

### **8.0 CEO's Report – Mr. John Clendaniel Elementary Update**

Second, fourth and fifth grade students submitted reports and projects on famous Americans. Second graders dressed as a famous American and read little reports. Fourth graders created a "bottle head" famous American to present with their reports. Fifth graders conducted research, created presentations and figurines to present to their class. Fifth graders took their presentation to the next level by reading the factual information on their notecards and expand their discussion on the topic without reading. Teachers asked questions and students were composed and professional, very impressive.

Dr. Seuss was celebrated for a full week at the elementary with silly hats, eating green foods, wore clothes backward, and had silly sock days. Thanks to Mrs. Lisa Schaffer and her staff for doing a wonderful job. Mrs. Lisa Schaffer creates Seuss readers for students to guess on the new show and a school wide Seuss scavenger hunt for all grade levels to participate in.

Fourth graders had "Camp read a lot" over the past few weeks where student get to bring their flashlights, sleeping bags, pillows and anything to snuggle with in their tents.

Fifth graders celebrated PIE day March 14 preparing a fun rotation cycle for student to problem solve all thing PIE including a room where they got to eat pie!

A huge shout out to Mrs. Kira Shipley, K-2 guidance counselor, who planned a Wonderful career day experience for third-fifth graders. All the guest speakers were parents of our own Orange Grove students, from DNR representative, aquarium employee who brought an alligator for the kids to see, an interior designer, a pilot, a nurse, city planner, jail wardens to name a few.

Tuesday, March 14, fourth graders performed at the monthly PTO meeting where they sang songs about the writing process. A shout out to Mrs. Janice Biggs since forever she has been a PTO program planning all-star with her choreography, songs and props!

This month we have hosted March Madness Style days each Wednesday to raise money for our Auction that will take place in April 2024. Style Days will continue through April for \$2.00 each Monday to help cover the cost of travel expenses for our Middle School Robotics team.

### **Middle Update**

Congratulation to our robotics team on winning the state competition and earning a spot on the international competition in Houston in a few weeks. Representatives from across the United States as well as 36 countries will be there. We are excited for the students and thankful for their coaches Mrs. Michelle Comen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fehr and Mrs. Andrea Daniels. It is an expensive undertaking to get the team to and from Houston, but with the \$2.00 style days every Monday in April our goal is to cover all costs for our coaches and team.

Bingo was a roaring success on February 24th. With 200 very enthusiastic students bouncing off the wall and tables. Thanks to Mrs. Tricia Porter and Mrs. Lynn Hunsinger for organizing and all the other teachers who volunteered their Friday evening to help with the event.

Our school buses are contracted out by SEWE in February to shuttle patrons around to the different events downtown. For the annual Bridge Run we'll supply nine school buses to shuttle folks to and from the run from 4am until 2pm. The word is out that Orange Grove has nice school buses with dependable drivers. The calendar is full with different events.

WAHS Principal Ryan Cumback came to speak to the seventh and eighth grade parents who are interested in sending their child to WAHS. A good turnout and parents were able to get all their questions answered at this informal but informational evening.

Baseball, soccer and softball seasons have concluded. Tennis is in full swing and golf tryouts were March 15<sup>th</sup>. A big thank you to Shadowmoss for hosting our students. Thank you also goes out to Mr. Alex Matos, Mrs. Shawna Clendaniel and Mrs. Laura Patrick for running the tryouts.

The Charleston Police Department will be using our facility on the afternoon/evening of Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> for their training in our building. Being a teacher workday, they will supply lunch for the staff.

### **Organization**

School Choice notifications will go out on April 3<sup>rd</sup> with over 1200 applications for just 100 spots. Thanks to Mrs. Dawn Doyle and Dr. Laney White for going through each application to approve for the lottery.

A lot of great of great applicants and interviews for our 2023-2024 job openings. Middle school math and ELA as well as elementary guidance. The goal is to have all openings filled before the end of April.

Phase one on the middle gym project with a meeting with the architect and contractor.

### **9.0 Executive Session**

Mr. John Guerry made the motion and Mr. Justin Welch seconded the motion to go into Executive Session at 6:24pm to discuss the negotiation of a third-party contract and the ratification of new staff contracts.

### **10.0 Action Items/New Business**

Mr. John Guerry made the motion and Mr. Justin Welch seconded the motion to return to Executive Session and Action Items at 6:60pm.

Mrs. Rebecca Jones made the motion and Mr. Justin Welch seconded the motion to accept Martin Smith Auditors.

Mrs. Dianne Probst made the motion and Mr. Justin Welch seconded the motion to propose support in any financial means for the Robotics Team Houston trip if necessary. Motion approved.

### **11.0 Good of the Order**

Mr. Justin Welch noted the middle school National History Day digital displays was an exciting program. Kudos to Mrs. Jamie Gladu - teacher. Ken Burns and Jackie Robinson project were exceptional.

Mr. John Guerry coached three OG students for basketball. Nice to see elementary students at CofC game.

OG was well represented at the WAHS. OG students are making WAHS JV teams. Good to see them during well.

Mr. John Clendaniel – Happy 50 Birthday to Mrs. Hattie Wallen

### **12.0 Adjournment**

Mr. John Guerry made the motion and Mrs. Rebecca Jones seconded the motion to adjourn at 6.56pm. Motion approved.