

ORANGE GROVE CHARTER SCHOOL

Report of the Board Meeting

November 17, 2022

ATTENDANCE:

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

Zoom: Mr. John Guerry and Mrs. Christy Nickolauson, Prestige School Solutions, LLC

VISITORS:

Mr. Steve Schonveld, Principal, middle campus
Dr. Laney White, Principal, elementary campus
Dr. Heather Holmes, Assistant Principal, elementary campus
Mrs. Sarah Selvidge, Executive Assistant
Mr. Tim Grow, Elliott Davis Auditor
Mr. Thomas Lehman, Elliott Davis Auditor
Mrs. Andrea Bailey Erb - Parent
Mr. Jeremy Erb - Parent
Mr. Neil Bailey – Grandparent

CALL TO ORDER:

1. Mrs. Amanda Fehr called the Meeting to Order at 6:01pm.
2. Mr. Marcus DiBiasi read the Mission Statement.
3. Mrs. Rebecca Jones made the motion and Mr. Justin Welch seconded the motion to approve the Agenda. Motion approved.
4. Mrs. Dianne Probst made the motion and Mr. Justin Welch seconded the motion to approve the October 20, 2022 Minutes as written. Motion approved.
5. Citizen Participation: Mrs. Andrea Bailey Erb, Parent of a preschooler and Third Grader

6. Mrs. Christy Nickolauson, Prestige School Solutions, LLC presented the October 15, 2022 Budget Report. Mr. Justin Welch made the motion and Mr. Mark Ables seconded the motion to approve the October Budget Report as presented. Motion approved.
7. Chief Executive Officer – Mr. John H. Clendaniel

Elementary Update:

- Annual PTO Booster Thon earned over \$100,000 between both campuses and seventh highest in the program.
- Students gathered daily during special area time with the Booster team to learn this year about character traits, grit, perseverance, wonder, gratitude and bravery, while listening to stories about visiting national parks across the country.
- Halloween parade was a hit and very well attended. Good to see so many parents on campus to celebrate their children and help with class parties.
- Admin hosted a third-grade ice cream social for earning their first quarter AR points.
- Third grade celebrated with their multiplication carnival and had a fun time.
- First grade students performed a fabulous Thanksgiving Special at the first PTO general meeting of the year.
- Field trips are happening again with first grade going to Bee City and fifth grade went to the movies for their first quarter AR award celebration.
- Huge thank you to the PTO for providing a delicious Thanksgiving lunch yesterday. Mrs. Kim Kemp and Mrs. Kayce Smoak turned the multipurpose room into what looked like a wedding reception was taking place. During lunch, over fifty parents signed up to volunteer their time and watch students during their lunch.
- Playground construction is underway. Old playground equipment is demoed and removed and the land is in the process of getting prepped to install the new poles for the equipment. A tree company came out to inspect and give a quote on the removal of some brush and trees and found termites. All was removed in a very timely manner and we now hope to have the new playground equipment installed by the new year.

Middle Update:

- Booster Extreme Recess was a huge success. The proceeds installed two additional water bottle fillers, one on each hallway, two new soccer goals for the playground, and an outside water fountain will be installed in the next few weeks.
- Halloween was lots of fun and the students enjoyed the dances in the cafeteria. Big shout out to Mrs. Courtney Nixon and her entire “Mom Crew” for organizing the events.
- Mrs. Gladu and the eighth graders put on an impressive Veterans Day Ceremony. Over 15 veterans came to the school to have breakfast and many spoke on the panel and to students and guests. It was inspirational, moving, and emotional at times hearing about their experiences.
- Last week, the Attorney General’s Office came to the middle to speak to each grade level about the importance of internet safety. She did a wonderful job of relating to the students and being realistic with them. Positive feedback from teachers and parents and something we will do again.

- PTO sponsored “duty free” Thanksgiving Feast was amazing and a big thank you to Mrs. Danielle Mantek for decorating and making sure teachers could enjoy lunch with each other.
- New library furniture was delivered and installed yesterday. Looks great and brightens an otherwise dark room. Classroom furniture is expected after Christmas break.

Organization:

- Elliott Davis, auditing firm was present to go over the audit findings. Received another clean audit with no findings which is the goal.
- Big thank you to Mrs. Sarah Selvidge and team for publishing a thorough school communication e-newsletter of the Tigers Roar each month.
- Working with a company regarding the conversion of one of the OG buses to run on both diesel and natural gas. OG will be one of the first in the state to run this pilot program and it will be at no cost to OG.
- Still wrapping up the demo project on Highway 61 property. Final walkthrough and subsequent balance payment should happen by the end of the year.
- Thank you to the Board for the generous use of discretionary funds for staff recognition. Looking forward to the surprise tomorrow and the blessing for the staff and very much appreciated.

8. Action Items/New Business:

Mr. Tim Grow, Elliott Davis, Partner Auditor reviewed the FY22 Audit to the Board.

9. Good of the Order:

- Mr. Steve Arato, thanked Orange Grove this is such a good time of year. Mr. Steve Arato is in his 23rd year at Orange Grove.
- Mrs. Amanda Fehr – gave praise to the Robotic Team for how proud she is of Orange Grove and the students.
- Mr. Justin Welch, good representation from Orange Grove in the cross-country high school level meet.

10. Adjournment:

Motion made by Mr. Justin Welch to adjourn at 6:57pm. Motion approved.