



A Public School of Choice, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes

- Regular Session on January 8, 2015
- Closed Session on
- Special Session on

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APPROVED

In Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Dukelow/Chair | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ben Balderas/Vice-Chair |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Hill/Secretary | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamia Bachrach/Parent Rep |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Williams/Teacher Rep | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott Jewitt/Teacher Rep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rich Peterson/Parent Rep | <input type="checkbox"/> Open/Community-at-Large Member |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jurgen Wanke/Parent Rep | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jon Corcoran/Administrator |

The meeting was called to order by Lisa Dukelow at 6:32 p.m.

The mission statement was read and a moment of silence was observed.

Public Comments

- There were no public comments.

Principal's Report

Grade	Current Enrollment	Wait List
K	20 (-1; filled 1/6/15)	80
1	20	17
2	22	27
3	20	21
4	21	22
5	22	15
6	38 (-1)	1
7	42 (-1; waiting on a response from an applicant)	1
8	29	0
Total:	234	184

- Highlights
 - A smooth re-opening in 2015!
 - Registration for 2015-2016 is off to a positive start!
- STEAM/Curriculum Update
 - A planning committee is being formed for OCS Science Night on Tuesday, March 10th in conjunction with the NC Science Festival
 - 12 hands-on, typically open-ended tabletop activities covering a range of sciences.
 - They include genetics, botany, physics, engineering and chemistry.
 - Each is designed to be a quick, 10 minute or so fun activity, most with a make-and-take.
 - Ongoing professional development to support STEAM implementation:
 - PBL Session 2 on 2/4 Early Release
 - ~ Reflect on/refine current project plans
 - ~ Deepen understanding of PBL phases/peer critique & revision
 - Arts Integration with Southeast Center for Arts Integration on 2/27 Teacher Workday
 - ~ Focus on Music and Visual Arts integration into core subjects
 - ~ Specialized sessions for ES & MS
- Personnel
 - Positions filled with outstanding new hires:
 - Mrs. Laurie Siegel=new ES Music Teacher starting in February
 - Mr. Oakley Lyon=new MS Band Teacher effective immediately
 - Mrs. Nikki Balderas=Interim ES Music/Spanish Teacher until February, then Interim ES Spanish
 - Current openings:
 - MS Health/PE still posted with start date of August 2015, hosted a potential candidate on 1/6/15
 - In need of substitute teachers
- Miscellaneous
 - December Budget Report
 - Draft Master Calendars for 2015-2016-Option A & Option B

Committee Reports

- Finance Committee/Treasurer's Report:
 - Money needs to move to Athletic Equipment and Athletic Services.
 - What instructional services were purchased? Mr. Corcoran to investigate.
 - Security monitoring appears higher this year? Mr. Corcoran to investigate.
 - Break even with new hires.
 - Proposed budget will be presented to the BOD in March. Vote on it in May.
- Grievance Committee: There was no cause to meet.
- Personnel Committee: A meeting will be held this month.
- Policy & Strategic Planning Committee
 - Will meet January 14, 2015 at 5:00.
 - Any proposed changes from committees about policies or policy manual due to P&SP Committee by February 3, 2015.
- Community Relations and Fundraising: There will be a joint meeting with PATH on January 15, 2015.
- Education Committee: Did not meet since last BOD meeting.
- PATH
 - Will meet January 15, 2015; joint meeting with CR&F.
 - Need more parental involvement to make 2015 a successful year.

- STEAM Playground design to be displayed on January 15, 2015. Placed in the North Building for Open House.
- Technology Committee
 - Did not meet since last BOD meeting.
 - Copier needs to be replaced. Will have to sign a new lease if replaced. Options will be investigated; breach of contract if a working copier is not provided by the leaser without a contract renewal?
 - BOD needs a laptop for meeting minutes and general school business.
 - iPads won't connect to Smart Boards given the new iOS upgrade. Why was this not tested before downloading software? Will look into ways to fix the connections.

New Business

- Bus for 2015-2016 school year
 - Concern from some that OCS will lose students if there is no bus service after the 2014/2015 school year.
 - There are families that rely on the bus to get their children to extra-curricular activities after school.
 - Suggest polling families with 4th – 7th grade students about the buses.
 - Is it possible to have just an afternoon bus? How will this cost play into the budget?
- School calendar for 2015-2016 school year
 - Questions raised about the number of half days or full days off in October; only one full week of school in October.
 - Question about the early release on December 18, 2015.
 - Plan A will be sent out for the OCS Community to review and provide comment.
- Set up Board members to present and record lottery – February 20, 2015 @ 8:00 a.m.
 - Jamia Bachrach and Kim Hill will attend the lottery; Jurgen Wanke will be a back-up.
- Board members to be present at the open house on January 25, 2015
 - Ben Balderas and Jurgen Wanke will attend the Open House as BOD representatives; Kim Hill will be a back-up.
 - Clubs and Athletic teams will have displays.
 - The STEAM Playground design will be on display.
- Day of Recognition for kids in clubs/athletics
 - Suggest having a ceremony to recognize those students involved in clubs and athletics, similar to the AB Honor Roll ceremony.
 - Hold the ceremony in May, since athletic competitions will be completed by then, as well as Science Olympiad?

Old Business

- Vote on revised Teach Rubric
 - Discussion about changing the third tier to 2% supplemental pay with no base increase.
 - **Motion:** To approve the revised Teacher Rubric as written.
Motion: Jamia Bachrach
Second: Ben Balderas
Vote: 4 For; 0 Against; 1 Abstain
 Passed Failed
- Timeframe for what is needed to fully implement STEAM and is still needed for STEAM and PLTW. Timeline for implementation and explanation of how incorporated into current curriculum.
 - The STEAM Implementation Timeline was updated and reviewed.
- Survey to see if there is interest in OCS and community in pursuing a high school.

- Expedition School has space to expand to a High School. Is it possible to have a joint high school with them?
- Meeting on January 21, 2015 at 6:30 to discuss interest and to create a survey to send to the community.
- Review and approval of November 2014 and December 2014 BOD meeting minutes.
 - **Motion:** To approve the November 20, 2014 BOD meeting minutes, as written.
 Motion: Kim Hill
 Second: Ben Balderas
 Vote: Unanimous Approval
 Passed Failed
 - **Motion:** To approve the December 11, 2014 BOD meeting minutes, as written.
 Motion: Kim Hill
 Second: Ben Balderas
 Vote: Unanimous Approval (Jamia Bachrach did not vote due to being absent during that meeting.)
 Passed Failed

Closed Session

Motion: To move into closed session under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6), to discuss personnel issues and personnel contracts.

Motion: Kim Hill
 Second: Ben Balderas
 Vote: Unanimous Approval
 Passed Failed

At 9:15 p.m., the meeting entered into a closed session. The closed session was ended at 10:00 p.m.

Teacher Contracts

Motion: To approve the contract for the Music Teacher from February 1, 2015 through the remainder of the 2014/2015 school year, as discussed in closed session.

Motion: Ben Balderas
 Second: Jurgen Wanke
 Vote: Unanimous Approval (Rich Peterson voted by phone)
 Passed Failed

Adjournment

With no further business before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

The next meeting of the Orange Charter School Board of Directors will be held on **Thursday, February 12, 2015, at 6:30 PM.**