Ogden Preparatory Academy Board Meeting September 14, 2004

MINUTES

7:00 - Call to order -

- Welcome guests Nancy Allen
- Academica Report -
 - O Question asked about if we had received land and trust money
 - O Board will need to apply for the funds.
 - O Academica will assign pieces of information needed to complete grant
 - O Grant is available to us as a second year school
 - O Utah procured facilities grant to the tune of 9 million. Approx 400 per student will be allocated to OPA, approximately \$116,875.
 - O Grant will allow us general fund spending, without tie to specific categories.
 - O Board will have to decide where to spend the funds
 - O Academica recommends that portions be spent on teacher training, the library,
- Approve Letter to Parents
 - O Debbie reads aloud draft letter to parents
 - O Move last paragraph to the beginning of the letter
 - O Content is fine, syntax might need to be fixed.
 - O Debbie made a motion to accept letter with a commitment to reformat.
 - O Seconded by Nancy
 - O All approved
- OPAPO report
 - O Debbie reported that Tuesday's OPAPO meeting went well. All committees are on task and working hard. Parents requested to have a quarterly board report.
 - O Nancy made a motion to send out quarterly board reports to parents. Nancy volunteered to write quarterly reports. Debbie seconded motion. Quarters will correspond with the academic quarters for OPA. Passed Unanimously.
- Kathy report
 - O Junaire mobilized class captains to recruit volunteers for flood incident and bring in volunteers. Kathy gave a huge thanks to everyone who helped put the library and school back together.
 - O 45 students will be participating in the chess club. OPA was able to procure Title I funds to pay for scholarships, to allow all who wanted to participate to participate.
 - O Strings program will begin tomorrow night.
 - O Geography club has been running two mornings a week, with tremendous participation thanks to Pam

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- Schvaneveldt. Kids are learning a lot about countries. Another parent will take over geography club when Pam leaves
- O Student Council voting take place on the first of October for this year's student council. Participation in the state leadership conference, OPAPO has been asked to look for funding.
- We are now members of the Ogoen/Weber Chamber of Commerce. Will be helpful for TLC job shadowing requirement.
- O We have started our reading groups, kids have been grouped according to reading level. TAs have been assigned to the groups of children are struggling the most. A 90 minute block of time has been designated in the morning, committed specifically to reading comprehension.
- O A new net has been ordered for soccer fields to protect the children playing on the big toy.
- Patron Response to Specific Issues (Limit 2 Minutes)
 - O Pam S. stated that she was concerned about putting 5th graders with 8th graders, and that the size did not allow for the small intimate environment.
 - O She also asked when OPA would have access to Academica for questions.
 - O Paula asked how parents would have input in the final decision for locating OPA's expansion. Jed responded that that was the purpose of OPAPO.
 - O Jed mentioned that input should come to the board as consensus opinions from OPAPO.
 - O Pam asked if it was feasible to relocate outside of current area. To become a non-urban school.

8:00 - Adjourn

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