

Ogden Preparatory Academy
Board Meeting
2221 Grant Ave.
April 12, 2005

MINUTES

Present: Debby Gomberg, Laura D'Hulst, Craig Bergeson, Kathy Thornburg, Debbie Deem

Excused: Nancy Allen

Others: Catina Martinez-Hadley, Sheldon Killpack

7:00 P.M. – Call to order - Craig

- Approve Minutes
 - Debby G. made a motion to approve the minutes. Debbie D. made a second. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- Proposal to add new Board Members: Discussion still tabled for now.
- Background Check Document – Sheldon shared the language in the policy. Any volunteer who would be in a situation without line of sight of a teacher must have a background check. BCI required (\$10 fee)
- Math teacher – hired
- Kitchen Permit Done
- Board Training – May 10th 6:00 PM – Would like a budget projection for next year.

OPAPO Report

- OPAPO had their elections. They accepted Debbie D.'s resignation and asked her to stay on until the end of the year. (Chris Jenkins, Meredith Call, Shallice Weeks and Junair Cope). Laura asked that bios accompany elections next year.
- Art Festival and Spring Barbecue are coming up.
- OPA received "gold awards" from President Bush's volunteer initiative. The awards will be presented at the barbecue.
- OPA cannot re-lotterize families who do not complete volunteer hours

Staff Report

- Retirement/Benefit Package
 - Kathy is working with Sheldon on the budget to see if it is

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possible to increase this amount. Kathy and Sheldon will have the numbers by the next board meeting.

- New Teacher Contracts
 - Kathy only needs a 1st grade bilingual teacher and a 6th grade science teacher.
- Salary Increases – Kathy is increasing teachers to the 180 days of in-school hours in addition to a 2% increase.

Academica Report

- Management Contract
- New Building Update
 - Soil samples were taken and came back good. Academica has been working with the city, because OPA is now a permitted use with new legislation, which makes OPA a first priority for permits, etc.
- Temporary Building Update
 - Kathy and Academica have looked at the old Stevens Henager, the empty strip-mall adjacent to the Mann Theaters and The Old Post Office as potential temporary space. It appears that the strip-mall space will require less modification and is closest to the school. Academica will proceed with this option at the go ahead of the board.

Public Comment:

- Will there be a computer lab? Kathy – We are still trying to determine if the most cost effective avenue is a lab or mobile computer cart.
- Jamie Renda – How is OPA both a public school and a private entity.

Contract:

The terms of the contract were reviewed for clarification.

Craig asked that Academica make Board Meeting Minutes available on both the website and in a book.

Debbie D. mentioned that the H.R. firm was never approved by the Board. Kathy wants Academica to look into other options.

8:30 P.M. Adjourn

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