

Ogden Preparatory Academy  
Board Work Session  
2221 Grant Ave  
September 14, 2005

### **MINUTES**

Present: Craig Bergeson, Debby Gomberg, Laura D' Hulst, Nancy Allen, Shalyce Weeks, Kathy Thornburg  
Others: Jed Stevenson, Emily Coon, Jamie Renda

4:20 P.M. – Call to order - Craig

**Nancy made a motion to approve the work session minutes for August 2005. Laura second. Motion carried.**

**Debby Gomberg made a motion to table discussion and approval of the lease because the lease will not be available until the building is completed. Nancy second. Motion carried.**

Nancy made a motion to approve amended bylaws contingent upon the correction of the signature to say “Craig Bergeson” rather than “Nancy Allen”. Laura second. Motion carried.

### **Principals' Report**

Kathy shared an experience about a grandmother praising the school. The grandmother said her granddaughter isn't as sassy as she used to be, and her daughter and friends aren't in trouble as much as they were at Central.

Kathy's “theme” is high expectations of all students, new kids, specifically the inner-city kids from Roy Junior High and Central Middle School, are finding a good comfort zone. Many are starting to shine. It's about the trusting environment the staff has created. Detention, detention, detention, is not the answer. Detention is a last resort, but not the only answer. The students are learning to believe in themselves. Kids want to be here and they are beginning to understand the expectations.

Kathy gave a presentation on the Adequate Yearly Progress Report. The school made adequate yearly progress for SY 2004-2005. OPA's test scores improved from 71% - 78%, an increase of 7%.

Broken down:

- ❖ Caucasian's improved 4%
- ❖ Hispanic's improved 14%
- ❖ Economically disadvantaged improved 7%
- ❖ Students with disabilities went down by 7%.

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Excellent parent volunteers in cafeteria.

Craig asked Kathy if she needs help. Do you need a Vice Principal? Kathy responded, not right now. It would change the dynamics, possibly next school year.

Grants – Grants were written for healthy lifestyles and another was written for PE equipment. The Swanson Foundation grant was approved and notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent in the fall for the PE equipment.

Craig asked Academica to look into proficiency testing for the Spanish program. Academica agreed.

### **OPAPO Report**

582 volunteer hours total as of Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Academica Report**

Jed gave a presentation on the budget. In the future, the budget will be discussed one-on-one with the treasurer prior to the board meeting at the treasurer's convenience rather than formally discussing it with everyone during the board meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Jamie Renda said she appreciates how the detention theme has been downplayed and not encouraged as the first line of discipline from the teachers.

**Motion to adjourn by Nancy. Laura second. Motion carried.**

5:30 P.M. Adjourn

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