

Ogden Preparatory Academy
Work Session Minutes
October 10, 2007
Location: 215 22nd St., Ogden, UT



In Attendance: Present: Kathy Thornburg, Robert Mitchell, Laura D’Hulst, Kim Hunter, Amy Sondrup, Debby Gomberg, Nancy Allen, Catina Martinez-Hadley (AW) and Sheldon Killpack (AW)

The Mission of Ogden Preparatory Academy is to instill in all of its students a passion for learning, a readiness to address the challenges of the future, and the competence to thrive as productive and responsible citizens in our global community

MINUTES

3:50 PM - Call to order and Welcome by Laura D’Hulst.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS – (For Discussion Only)

- Legislative Money for Teachers (Sheldon) – Districts are appropriating the set amount and will supplement that amount when bonus money comes in. Appropriation amount and processes have not yet been determined. The state is still waiting for a complete reporting of the number of teachers. Kathy wondered if she should do an addendum to teacher employment agreements. Catina said that A+ has Change in Compensation forms that can be used in lieu of changing teacher employment agreements.
- 9th Grade Configuration (Kathy) - Kathy presented some different scenarios for 9th grade configuration and asked that the Board start thinking about which way they would like to proceed for the next year. Kathy would like to start putting together schedules for the 2008-09 school year. Another concern is hiring teachers and the possibility of having to reassign or attrition teachers.
- Parent Teacher Conferences (Kathy) - Parent teacher conferences went well. There was an 80% parent turn out. Kathy said that for the next session of parent teacher conferences, signups sheets will reflect shorter meeting times in order to accommodate more parents.
- School Land Trust (Kathy) - Kathy is working with Kim from Academica on this year’s School Land Trust Grant and has spoken with the OPAP Board about the school’s needs for materials, such as manipulatives and a tutor for math. Skill

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specific kits are also being considered. Kathy will write the plan and submit it to OPAPO for approval.

BUSINESS ITEMS – (To be Voted Upon in Board Meeting)

- ❖ Record Management Policy – Sheldon stated that this Policy has been recommended by the state in order to ensure that all charter schools are following state and federal guidelines regarding record management.
- ❖ Lottery and Enrollment Policy - Sheldon stated that this Policy has been recommended by the state in order to ensure that all charter schools are following state and federal guidelines regarding lottery and enrollment.
- ❖ Tuition Reimbursement Policy – Catina stated that changes have been made to the language regarding employment commitment to OPA when the teacher has received tuition reimbursement. Failure to complete three years of employment after graduation will result in a prorated repayment of the tuition reimbursement received.

REPORTS

- ❖ Principal Report – Kathy Thornburg
 - October 01 count came in at 563. The budget was set at 550 students and the school is allowed up to 600 students.
 - Kathy gave a report on AYP and explained the rationale behind the Federal Guidelines and why the school received the rating it received.
 - National Honor Society (NHS) – 22 kids were eligible. The students filled out an application and wrote an essay. The NHS Dinner was elegant. Kids were given certificates and membership cards. Students in grades 7-9th are eligible. They must have a 3.7 GPA. Susan Van Hoosier, candidate for Ogden Mayor, keynoted the dinner event.
- ❖ OPAPO Report – Kim Hunter
 - The Fall Carnival made \$1,400. The PTO has met to discuss what went well and what could be improved. They have made \$900 so far for Free Dress Friday. Kids pay \$1 for free dress.
 - OPAPO welcomed new members to the Board, they are: Yen Qualls, Ju’Nare Cope, Monica Waldrum and Christine Riches (incumbent)
- ❖ Financial Report
 - Nancy gave a summary of the Financial Report. She reviewed the budget with Brad from Academica West.

5:00 PM - ADJOURN

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