



## A Public School of Choice, Inc.

### Board Meeting Minutes

- Regular Session on February 12, 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 checked="" 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 6:35 p.m.**

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

#### Public Comments

- There were no public comments.

#### Discussion of AIG program and addressing parent concerns

- Ms. Kuhl was invited to the BOD meeting by Mr. Corcoran to provide information about the AIG program given concerns by some parents.
- Ms. Kuhl was concerned about the situation setting a precedence that parents go to a BOD member and not the teacher if they have a problem.
- The AIG program is an evolving system and some changes are expected for next year. Wants the program to be fluid because of concerns from students not in the program.
- More information to parents about the program; feedback on students' progress would be helpful.
- Students in the program need to understand the process; therefore, they can convey that message to their parents.
- Provide an update on the program since it is mid-year – at a Parent Night?

#### Discussion of possible of High School addition to OCS

- Had 48 parents attend the last meeting; many more emailed their desire to have a high school.
- If move forward with the high school, OCS students will have priority enrollment for our students; cannot create a school jointly with another charter school and offer both sets of students' priority enrollment.
- Need to ensure can build the high school without harming the current school.
- May start with 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade, then move into 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>; however, this needs to be discussed further.
- Some coursework may need to be virtual.
- Next meeting is scheduled for Feb. 19, 2015.

- Executive Committee composed of three BOD members. Work on revising charter for expansion request. Bring to BOD meeting in May for review.

### **Principal's Report**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Current Enrollment</b>	<b>Wait List</b>
K	20	78
1	20	17
2	22	27
3	20	21
4	21	22
5	22	15
6	39	0
7	42	0
8	28	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>180</b>

- Highlights
  - Strong registration numbers (see above) indicative of continued good standing in the region/local community!
  - We received a favorable School Performance Grade of B on the recently-released NC School Report Card(s)
    - Growth outpaced achievement by 85% to 77%, resulting in a 78% overall score
    - Exceeded expected growth in Reading
- STEAM/Curriculum Update
  - The OCS Science Night Planning Team held its initial meeting on Monday, 2/9
    - Purpose = family fun while generating excitement/awareness towards STEAM
    - Confirmed event date/time for Tuesday, March 10th from 6-7:30 PM
    - Part of the North Carolina Science Festival
    - 12 hands-on activities w/takeaways
    - Door prizes and teacher incentives to encourage strong attendance
  - Ongoing professional development to support STEAM implementation:
    - Collaborative planning on 2/18 Early Release
    - PBL Session 2 postponed until 3/11 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
    - NCAGT Conference on March 5th-6th

- Scaling STEM on April 14th-15<sup>th</sup>
- Personnel
  - Part-Time ES Spanish start date moved to Fall; Mrs. Balderas stays on until June
  - MS Health/PE Interview Team will convene on Wednesday, 2/18 to review resumes/develop an interview process/timeline
  - Beginning Teacher Support Program Team (BTSP) making preparations for State monitoring visit on 5/19
  - Mid-Year reviews/reflective dialogues conducted with all staff members
- Miscellaneous
  - January Budget Update
  - New copier en route thru CEI
  - New lockers ordered for 5th & 6th grades
  - Sibling lotteries necessary at 3rd & 5th

### **Committee Reports**

- Finance Committee/Treasurer's Report:
  - Discussion of \$30,000.00 payment to Insurance Company
    - Will be included in this year's budget; will go through budget line-by-line to determine if there are items which can be moved to support this payment.
- Grievance Committee: There was no cause to meet.
- Personnel Committee: Meeting scheduled for Feb. 16, 2015.
- Policy & Strategic Planning Committee
  - Met Feb. 6, 2015
  - Bring proposed changes to the BOD for review
  - Set Team to begin Strategic Plan to go to full committee by Feb. 2015
    - Strategic Plan needs to be revised by May, for a vote in June.
    - Team not identified.
- Community Relations and Fundraising
  - Unaware that Annual Fund letter is sent by this committee. Check with Ms. Tracey about past letter used. Ms. Bachrach and Mr. Corcoran should sign the letters.
  - Spring Fling will be a joint event with PATH.
- Education Committee: Did not meet since last BOD meeting.
- PATH
  - Meeting will be held at Radius Pizza in Hillsborough on Feb. 19, 2015 at 6:30.
  - Reserving \$1000.00 for Spring Fling. Planning kids' art auction during the event.
  - 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.

### **New Business**

- PATH designation of funds for 2015 – 2016: This information will be sent out.
- Community Member for BOD
  - Lack of the community member is a concern with the Middle School staff.
  - Elementary School staff is concerned with the BOD's stance on teacher pay; are salaries being paid fairly, especially with new teachers coming into OCS from the public school system? Is OCS honoring their public school salary?
- Executive Committee for High School expansion

- **Motion:** To create an ad hoc Executive Committee to investigate a High School, made up of Jurgen Wanke, Jamia Bachrach, and Lisa Dukelow.  
Motion: Jamia Bachrach  
Second: Rich Peterson  
Vote: Unanimous Approval  
 Passed     Failed

### **Old Business**

- Distribution of Google Volunteer form
  - Check with PATH about sending this out to the OCS community
- Review and approval of January and February 2015 BOD meeting minutes
  - **Motion:** To approve the January 8, 2015 meeting minutes, as written.  
Motion: Kim Hill  
Second: Jamia Bachrach  
Vote: Unanimous Approval (Rich Peterson did not vote due to being absent during that meeting.)  
 Passed     Failed
  - **Motion:** To approve the special meeting minutes from February 2, 2015, as written.  
Motion: Kim Hill  
Second: Jurgen Wanke  
Vote: Unanimous Approval  
 Passed     Failed
- Calendar for 2015-2016 school year
  - Concern about the number of half days; starting immediately, after-school is available on half days.
  - Teachers are happy with the calendar; if they have the time they need to plan, the BOD should approve.
  - **Motion:** To approve the calendar, as written.  
Motion: Jamia Bachrach  
Second: Rich Peterson  
Vote: Unanimous Approval  
 Passed     Failed

### **Adjournment**

With no further business before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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