

Ogden Preparatory Academy
Work Session Minutes
January 10, 2007 4:00 pm
Place: MOPA
Approved: February 15, 2007



In Attendance: Laura D'Hulst, Craig Bergeson, Debby Gomberg, Amy Sondrup, Shawn Stephens
Others In Attendance: Jed Stevenson (Academica West), 18 parents of OPA students

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

4:00 PM – Welcome and call to order by Craig Bergeson.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

- Jed Stevenson from Academica West presented different options for adding a 9th grade and/or High School to OPA. Included below are the facts he submitted to the board prior to the board meeting.
 - Fact 1: Because Ogden School District is changing the grade configuration of their Middle and High Schools, **it is necessary that OPA also change its configuration to correspond to the local district.** Otherwise, OPA families will be dramatically inconvenienced when their children reach 9th grade. This would likely cause a negative impact on enrollment throughout our school.
 - Fact #2: **It is very unlikely that OPA will be able to expand to a 9th grade for the upcoming 2006 school year.** However, our current charter allows us to add 50 more students as it is currently written. The authorization we seek is simply to expand to include 9th grade, not to add students beyond current authorization limits. That fact is what gives us any hope at all of an '06 change. I have a meeting on Monday the 8th with those from the state charter school office to clarify this issue. Stay tuned.
 - Fact #3: If we are able to persuade the state to allow OPA to add a 9th grade for '06, **the existing facilities can accommodate one section of students (25) without procuring additional leased space.** This would be accomplished by using the "productivity" model. (Kathy Thornburg, Principal, explained this in detail) Essentially, it requires teachers to teach during their prep period, and in turn, receive "productivity pay".
 - Fact #4: If the state allows OPA to add a 9th grade for '06, and the board decides **to add more than one section, OPA would have to rent additional space** from nearby available space. It is likely that we could negotiate a reasonable rate on space **in the former WIC building or the strip mall** used as temporary space last year.
 - Fact #5: This board must **decide** whether the ultimate goal is **to expand to simply include 9th grade or to eventually expand through 12th grade.** It appears that either way a new facility will need to be built as the current facilities will not accommodate more than 25 new students.
 - Fact#6: **A new building cannot be built to accommodate fewer than about 300-400 new students.**

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**Option
4A**

	Building 1	Building 2	Building 3		
K	75				
1	75				
2	75				
3	75				
4		75			
5		75			
6		75			
7		75			
8			75		
9			75		
10			75		
11			75		
12			75		
Total	300	300	375		975

Option 4B

	Building 1	Building 2	Building 3		
K			75		
1			75		
2			75		
3			75		
4			75		
5			75		
6	75				
7	75				
8	75				
9		75			
10		75			
11		75			
12		75			
Total	225	300	450		975

**Option
3A**

	Building 1	Building 2	Building 3		
K	50				
1	50				
2	50				
3	50				
4	50				
5		75			
6		75			
7		75			
8		75			
9			75		
10			75		
11			75		
12			75		
Total	250	300	300		850

Option X

	Building 1	Building 2	Building 3		
K	100				
1	100				
2	100				
3		100			
4		100			
5		100			
6			100		
7			100		
8			100		
9			100		
10					
11					
12					
Total	300	300	400		1000

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Other Notes:

3A:

Negatives –

- Building a school of 300 students is too small.
- We could consider 100 in each grade, but is there demand for 100 students at each grade level?

4B:

Advantages:

- Bigger Playground
- Don't need to add 28 more at each grade level.
- 5th with Elementary, 6th with older kids

Negatives:

- 6,7,8 in that building with smaller classrooms
- Kids in building 1 have to come to building 2 for lunch and PE
- Some families might have to drive to another place for 6-9

X:

Craig asked parents in the audience (about 18 people) “who would want a high school?” Parents were reluctant because they would like to see a higher level education such as concurrent enrollment. If we could have that here at OPA, they would support OPA having a high school. That would bring Plan X up to adding an additional 100 students in grades 10-12, for a total student population under this plan to 1300.

Discussion:

Whether or not “Plan X” would be approved because of the additional numbers coming out of Ogden City Schools. But approval of Plan X by the state is not certain.