



Ogden Preparatory Academy

Work Session Minutes

May 31, 2007

Location: MOPA Library: 215 22nd St., Ogden, UT

Approved: August 8, 2007

In Attendance: Laura D'Hulst, Amy Sondrup, Shawn Stephens, Debby Gomberg

Excused: Craig Bergeson

Others in Attendance: Kathy Thornburg (principal), Bobbie Mitchell, Kim Hunter (future PTO President), Anna Kubica (parent), Jed Stevenson (AW), Brad Taylor (AW), Emily Coon (AW), Gavin Hutchinson (AW), Nancy Allen (board applicant)

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

3:30 PM - Call to Order and Welcome by Laura D'Hulst

BUSINESS ITEMS

- ❖ There is only one applicant for the new opening, Nancy Allen. Nancy's qualifications include being a Founding Member, a Board Member, as well as a teacher at OPA for two years.
- ❖ Review Budget Amendments for 06-07– Debby Gomberg
 - Increase Instructional Assistants by \$50,000 - more TA's were used than were initially budgeted for.
 - A \$16,000 increase to property taxes expenditure due to an underestimate on tax liability prior to the building's completion.
 - A \$10,000 increase will go to building and improvements.
 - A \$76,000 increase in state revenue due to additional students (WPU's) attending than were budgeted for.
- ❖ Debby gave a summary of the '07-'08 projected budget.
- ❖ Debby notified the board that unless a change is made to the term limits of OPA Board Members, there may be a high turnover this year.

REPORTS

- ❖ Shawn Stephens introduced Kim Hunter as the new PTO board president. The end-of-year BBQ and silent auction were held, approximately \$700 was earned on the auction and \$850 was earned on the food.
- ❖ There are 3 open seats for the Fall PTO Election.
- ❖ Principal's Report
 - A \$48,000 grant for technology was written by the principal. The goal of the state is to have every student do online testing in the next 3 years. A technology committee met together to create a plan

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- Kathy printed out a report of the CRT results by grade. In Language Arts, all grades improved except for 3rd grade, which decreased by only 1%. Math and Science had great improvements overall as well.
- Kathy also printed out a report on the Direct Writing Assessments (DWA). There are 4 categories students are placed into by the graders of the test that include: Substantial, Sufficient, Partial, and Minimal. This year, the number of students in the Substantial category increased by 10%. Again, overall, students achieved higher scores this year over last year. This test is taken in the 6th grade and the 9th grade. Next year, Kathy will have her students starting in 3rd grade use a software program that grades students' writing based on the 6 traits, and gives a score immediately.

4:45 PM – MEETING ADJOURNED

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