



Ogden Preparatory Academy
Work Session Minutes
August 8, 2007 3:30 PM
Location: 215 22nd St., Ogden, UT

In Attendance: Debby Gomberg, Kim Hunter, Laura D'Hulst, Amy Sondrup, Nancy Allen
Others in Attendance: Kathy Thornburg (Principal), Jed Stevenson (AW), John Teuscher (MOPA Teacher)

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.

OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS – (For Discussion Only)

- ❖ John Teuscher, a teacher at Ogden Prep Academy, would like the board to consider a 10x20 foot Greenhouse as a learning project for the students. The plants and experiments would coincide with core curriculum for Science. Estimated cost would be less than \$500 to build and minimal costs to upkeep. The board supports Mr. Teuscher doing more research on the greenhouse and reporting back to them.
- ❖ Mrs. Thornburg would like to reward for teachers with a stipend who stay 4+ years as faculty at Ogden Prep Academy to help maintain the stability at the school. She is proposing a stipend to be given after 4 years, 7 years, and 10 years. A concern was brought up about the long-term affect on the budget and discussion ensued. Kathy gave the board estimated figures based on current employees' start dates.

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

- ❖ Kathy Thornburg and Penn Bradshaw went to Mentor Training provided by the Utah State Office of Education. Mr. Mitchell will be working more directly with students to allow Kathy more time to mentor the teachers. Penn Bradshaw will be assisting her with this. Kathy summarized the new teachers for the Board.
- ❖ Debby raised the concern about the board member term limits. As they are currently, there could be a very high turnover of board members this year. She recommends either having a 4 year term rotation or adding additional board members. The board members will have the option to renew their term upon approval of the board for an additional term.
- ❖ Jed Stevenson defined what the Technology Grant was, and reminded the board they approved the grant already. They did an online vote of the purchases already, and will need to ratify these purchases in the formal board meeting following this work session.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing auxiliary communicative aids and services for these meetings should call Emily Coon at 801-540-8080, giving at least three working days notice.

REPORTS

- ❖ Principal Report – Kathy Thornburg
 - Kathy reported on the number of students currently at OPA. She will make sure the school is 100% full for the October 1 count. The number of students break down as follows:
 - K = 52
 - 1 = 51
 - 2 = 51
 - 3 = 53
 - 4 = 52
 - 5 = 53
 - 6 = 79
 - 7 = -5
 - 8 = -1
 - Kathy's goals for the school year include:
 - Using the data to drive instruction,
 - Working with Penn Bradshaw and mentoring the teachers to know the Core Curriculum inside and out and that they know what their kids are doing.
 - Technology will be a criterion of the teachers' bonuses. Every class will have a significant increase in technology.
 - A collaborative Community. The teachers will work on their own writing skills and will post their work on the wall at the end of the year like the students do.
 - Kathy will be doing less discipline and turning more of it over to Mr. Mitchell. Kathy's efforts will be with the teachers and being in the classrooms.
 - Kathy will get more of the good news and activities online.
 - High goals have been set for Spanish Instruction as well.
- ❖ PTO Report
 - Kim Hunter gave a review of the year's activities. They include the yearly Carnaval, OPAPPO elections, a dinner auction in February, Science Fair, Art Festival, and the End of Year BBQ.
- ❖ Board Report
 - Nancy gave a summary of the Financial Report. She reviewed the budget with Brad from Academica West. The janitorial company changed and will cost an additional \$300 per month and may require an adjustment later in the year.
 - Jed Stevenson from Academica West has given a summary of Academica's intentions in giving financial data to the board prior to the board meeting. A Financial Summary Report has been added to the Consent Items to be accepted each board meeting.

5:00 PM - ADJOURN

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing auxiliary communicative aids and services for these meetings should call Emily Coon at 801-540-8080, giving at least three working days notice.