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OGCS BOARD MEETING August 22, 2024 4:00 pm

Attendance: Dan Beals, President, Evan Lang, Parent Rep, Melody Hoskinson, Director, and Karrie Lang, Grant Writer

- Meeting called to order with prayer by: Dan
 - Guests: New hire, Cheri Helgesen, 1st and 2nd grade teacher.
 - Guest's Agenda: Cheri wanted to meet the board members and express her excitement and gratitude for being on staff at OGCS. This has been a dream of hers for several years now, and she wanted the school board to know that she wants to help the school in any way she can.
 - July 25, 2024 Minutes: (Motion to approve) Melody (second) Evan All in favor YES
 - July 25, 2024 Financial Report: (Motion to approve) Evan (second) Melody All in favor YES
 - Financial Updates from Kate/Lori: The board has agreed to give Lori Austin permission to add Katherine Barker, newly hired Financial Manager, to all accounts as soon as possible. Lori Austin, Dan Beals and Melody Hoskinson will remain on the accounts for the time being. Anyone else remaining on the accounts will be removed, with the exception of Gary Shannon. We are hopeful that Gary will return to OGCS as our cook for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Lori and Kate have reported that all staff contracts for the 24-25 school year have been delivered and signed. Copies of the contracts are in the office filing cabinet.
- Principal Report: Due to the March resignation of Principal, Pam Baker, Melody asked kindergarten teacher, Lindsay Rech if she would be interested in signing on as our principal for the purpose of our NCNT licensing through ODE. Melody stated that Lindsay has been at the school longer than anyone and knows our vision, purpose, and mission very well.

Melody also reported that Lindsay took over a month to pray and think about this offer. After much consideration, Lindsay has agreed to fill this position since it will not require her to take time away from her students throughout the day while she teaches. We're grateful to have this position filled.

- With that said, there was a discussion about the confusion expressed by staff and parents regarding Pam's current position. Although we have benefited greatly from Pam's leadership, this board feels it is best for the sake of clarity to have Pam stop all correspondence with parents and staff. As a volunteer, Pam should not be communicating with parents or staff. All communication must come through the office via Lindsay, Kate or Melody. The Family Facebook page should be turned over to the office, as well to spare any more confusion.

This board does want to take the time to express our appreciation to Pam for her commitment and leadership skills this past school year. We would also like for her to continue on as board secretary, Title I coordinator, and to follow through with sending out the Terranova test results from this past year, as she was the principal during that time.

- MySchoolWorx has been more difficult than expected for staff, parents, and for processing financial statements and payments. The contact person has promised to send more information regarding the financial processes several times now and hasn't followed through. We discussed asking Pam to stay behind the scenes of this new system and keep the office updated on these and other changes, if she is willing to do so.

- At this time, we are still in need of a custodian, a cook and a Title I teacher. Melody will continue to pursue filling these positions.

- We are also in need of a Vice President as Ryan Schaad resigned from this position on August 18, 2024.

The board will not fill this role until further investigation into the bylaws. We are also looking for more people interested in becoming board members.

Dan's present position as board president is coming to term. He expressed his desire to remain board president for another year, during which time, among his other duties, he will help to recruit new members.

- A painting day is scheduled for Saturday, August 24 from 9-12. The Nazarene church is sending three members to help us.

- Jared Conger, manager of Marietta Lowe's has offered to get us all the paint and supplies we need to paint the exterior of our building. However, he's not able to get a work crew to

help us. Melody and Dan will work on the list of what is needed and get that to Jared as soon as possible.

- Karrie and Melody will meet after this meeting to look into further grants for this school year.
- Adjournment (motion) Evan (second) Melody All in favor Yes
- Closing prayer: Dan
- Next meeting will be September 26, 2024 at 4:00.
- Respectfully submitted, Melody Hoskinson