



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

8:00 a.m. – Thursday, November 21, 2013
Oak Ridge High School

Host: Dr. Leigh Ann Bradshaw, Principal

Present: Tobi Allen, Debbie Clements, Teresa Donaldson, Alan Fidelo, Erik Genrich, Tim Gomez, Deni Gorden, Bill Gordon, Cathy Hertz, Eric Kepfer, Ivan Lefkowitz, Joe Losch, Sherry Magee, Ryan Mahaffey, Rick Roach, Joyce Romano, Eddie Sanabria, Jim Waters, Ormend Yielding

Staff: Cindy Williams, Twanna Scroggins, Jeanne Smith

Guests: Debi Pedraza

Absent: Travis Blue, Suzan Coddington, Brenda de Treville, Angel de la Portilla, Eric Houston, Michael Ison, Latria Leak, Jim McIlrath, Jennifer Michaels, Tim Myers, Kevin Noonan, Michelle Radcliffe, Richard Ray, Dorina Sackman, Rich Sloane, Douglas Storer, Josh Truitt

Call to Order

Joe Losch called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. He thanked the principal, **Dr. Leigh Ann Bradshaw**, for hosting our meeting.

Mission Moment: City Year

Michael Fusko spoke to the group about his experiences with City Year and the impact the program is having on students at Oak Ridge High School. Last year he served at Walker Middle School and this year he is the team leader at Oak Ridge. The corps members greet students as they walk on campus in the morning and are the last ones to leave at night. They help targeted students with core subject in the classroom. They also tutor before school, during lunch and after school. He spoke about one of his students, Isiel, who started the year with a “D” in math and currently has an “A.” The program is about improving attendance, behavior and academic performance in core classes.

Tim Gomez said he is helping connect prospects with City Year to help them raise funds for their programs.

School Board Update: Rick Roach

1. Next year, the Orange County School Board will ask Orange County voters to extend the half-penny sales tax that would bring \$2 billion. The existing half-penny sales tax expires in 2015, and the school board has identified \$3 billion worth of capital projects (school renovations and replacements, maintenance projects, technology upgrades and new schools), with \$1 billion of it already funded. **Dick Batchelor** is leading a political action group that is helping raise funds to campaign for the sales tax extension.
2. Achieve 3000 is being used in our schools as an online tool to help struggling readers improve comprehension. The Orlando Magic funded the program at Edgewater HS last year with great success and is funding it this year at Edgewater HS and Lee MS.

3. This is the last year for FCAT assessments. With common core standards comes a new standardized assessment, although it hasn't been chosen yet. The leading contender is known as PARCC — the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers. PARCC is an online test which would ask students to perform puzzle-like tasks in order to answer questions.

Consent Agenda & 990

Eddie Sanabria presented the 990 to the board for approval. After much discussion at the committee level, the Finance Committee recommended the 990 be approved as presented. There was no discussion, and it passed by unanimous consent.

Jim Waters moved that the board accept the consent agenda as presented; **Ivan Lefkowitz** seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous consent.

Resource Development Committee: Sherry Magee

The committee is starting at ground zero. They are focused on finding connections with OCPS alumni. She also is recruiting additional committee members outside the board. The committee is supporting Debi's search for an appropriate data base and is researching what its next steps should be.

Board Development Committee: Cathy Hertz

The committee is revising the by-laws. They are also tackling governance and board engagement issues as well.

Orange County's Top Talent: Teresa Donaldson

The event will have a new look and feel this year with a more professional look, but still making it about the kids. The event will be May 10 at the Linda Chapin Theater. We need an auction chair and more committee members. She also encouraged all board members to get their companies to serve as event sponsors.

PSP: Alan Fidelo

Update: \$1.3 million secured; \$1 million pledged by Dr. Phillips Charities for career readiness; \$6 million in the works. The concept papers are being updated. Orange County offered six possible sites for the suspension centers plus wrap around services. We are waiting for final approval for Orange County and the School Board. City of Orlando will be approached next with a similar request. **Debi Pedraza** needs help prioritizing prospects. She is working with the district to get permission for a new database and hopes to have it by July 1.

Executive Director's Report: Cindy Williams

We are on target with our financial goals. To-date we have raised \$186,000 for general operations; \$117,000 for Read2Succeed; \$43,600 for the Middle School Books Clubs; \$163,500 for teacher grants; \$30,500 for quality teaching; and \$512,000 towards the PSP initiatives.

Adjournment: **Joe Losch** adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m. **Dr. Bradshaw** took the board on a tour of the campus highlighting the new CFE branch, the Lockheed Martin room with simulators and state-of-the-art technology and an overview of the JA Entrepreneurial program.