Orange County Association of School Administrators

Board Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2015

**Board Members in Attendance**

Bob Clark, Seth Daub, Christine Szymanski, Tim Smith, Pati Bowen-Painter, Melanie Simmons, Kelly Pelletier, Patricia Ramsey, Allison Kirby, Rhonda Weber, Darrell Canamas, Tom Ott, Andrew Jenkins

**Welcome**

Meeting began at 8:10

**Secretary and Treasurer Reports**

Christine Szymanski read the minutes from the September meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Kelly Pelletier and seconded by Darrell Canamas. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer report- As planned, Kelly moved funds from the checking to the savings account. Current balance is $2,911.43 in the checking and $30,912.75

**Committee Reports**

Elementary—The primary concern for elementary principals is CAPE and how to provide the time needed on the computers to earn the certification. Additionally, a survey was completed and Margaret will be meeting with Dr. Jara to discuss principal concerns.

Middle school—Middle school principals also have concerns about CAPE and its requirements. Additionally, it was shared that middle school principals no longer have an opportunity to meet on their own without Dr. Jara or Dr. Fritz. Their meetings and agendas have taken the place of the association meeting. The high school principals have met aside from Dr. Fritz’s meeting, but they have a smaller group. It was suggested that the association meets independently every other month.

High school—Principal’s are getting mixed messages about using a store credit card at stores like Costco or Sam’s Club. It is being flagged in during an audit in some schools and not in others. There seems to be inconsistency among the auditors. Additionally, the high school principals are continuing to meet and revise the 2016 platform.

Post secondary—A major initiative for post secondary schools is to become a technical college as opposed to a technical center. Twenty-eight of forty schools in the state have made this change. OCPS will make this change by January with School Board approval. Schools will be known under one title, Orange Technical College with 5 campuses. Schools that have changed their title to include “College” have seen an increase in enrollment because parents want their children to attend college. There are currently CTE reps on each of the high school campuses. This will extend to middle school.

Membership—The current membership is 257. Allison will be meeting with Pat to review membership. Allison will use a google doc to collect emails. There will be a raffle for anyone that provides a personal email.

**Old Business**

Tim will be the president elect. We will send out a survey to have an official vote.

AXA-check is still in the mail for $250 toward end of the year social.

**New Business**

OCASA does have a vision and mission. It is included in the membership brochure.

Seth suggested that OCASA give back to the members by paying for conference fees. A motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Pat to set aside $3000.00 to pay for conference registrations for members. Administrators will need to fill out an application, attach the agenda and present to OCASA upon return. The motion passed unanimously.

School board members are setting up meetings with state representatives and bringing principals with them. As administrators, we need to assist local city commissioners and representatives by providing them with a better understanding of educational jargon and issues. It was suggested that OCASA meet with reps locally outside of legislative days.

Discussion was had regarding donations to representative campaigns as it gives us access to the representatives. It was suggested that we need to look at voting records before giving a donation to representatives. In the past, any representatives we have supported had already gained support from FASA. Kelly made a motion and Allison seconded the motion to donate money to Rene Plasencia. The motion based with a vote of 9-1.

A meeting with superintendent has been set for October 29th. The board will meet for lunch at noon at Panera at Fashion Square Mall to prepare talking points for the meeting.

**Executive Director’s Report**

FASA PAC meeting- OCASA is a member of the PAC and FASA files the fees

At a recent meeting-FASA voted to make the local association build up the FASA PAC funds by requiring local organizations to contribute $25.00 per member. This would cost OCASA approximately $6500.

Legislative Days is scheduled for Jan. 19th and 20th. The first meeting is 11:00 AM. We can go to Tallahassee the night before or the morning of the 19th. Bob is planning to reserve 10 rooms.

**Next Meeting: November 20, 2015**

**Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:30**