

Open Door Christian School Board Meeting Minutes

May 11th, 2026

5:00 PM

ODCS Office

Board Members present are Cindy Elsberry, Lynsey Browning, William Hysmith, Lacy Rexroad and Tiffany Escovedo.

Staff present are Cristi Logan, Jennifer Blackmon, Kristen Glenn, Brittiany Pinkston, Jenna Semintal, Ronnie Goll

Guests present are Bruce Logan, Luis Semintal, Maria Waller, Sharon Paris, Sue Gilmore,

Cindy calls the meeting to order. Lynsey opens in prayer.

The previous meeting minutes were presented. They consist of April 13th, April 14th (Motion through text), April 16th (Motion through Text), April 19th (Teachers/Elders), April 20th (Teacher Meeting), April 21st (Parent Meeting), and April 26th (Special Called).

Tiffany makes a motion to approve the minutes. Lacy seconds. All approved. Motion passes.

Cindy presents the financial statements. She shares to make note that the Ark Income and Expense line items are not matching. We did not make money off of it, we just have not had the credit card statement come through to bring expenses up to match income.

The current balance sheet does not show the \$100K donation from the anonymous donor made last month.

Lynsey makes a motion to accept the financial statements. Lacy seconds. All approved. Motion passes.

Cristi presents the Principal Report. We are still currently sitting at 91 students; 10 in progress. Iowa assessment results should be here soon.

Cristi presents a question regarding grad requirements for 2026-2027 - we approved early graduation in January 2026, then approved to change to Foundational with endorsements.

Jennifer shares what is necessary to graduate with Foundational with Endorsements. It will be near impossible for us to do, due to lack of classes available. Cristi recommends to only require the Foundational Diploma but have the option to include the endorsements.

William makes a motion to require the Foundational Diploma, but be able to assist any students/parents with the option of graduating with endorsements. Cindy seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

Tiffany reports on the Teacher Appreciation week. She shared that Courtney Ramirez took the lead and created a great week! Many local businesses participated and it truly was a blessing to the teachers.

Cindy reported on the scholarship committee. Rewarding 13 - 50% discounts, 2 - 25% discounts. 3 will be presented in the executive session to support with more than 50%.

Grant applications - Tiffany has not heard back from The Perry Foundation. Lacy reports that The Hunnewell Foundation does not buy computers for schools. Lynsey reports on The Bertha Foundation - just a letter to the Foundation is required. She will compose a letter to get Guardian Training expenses covered at \$2,000. It will be sent out before the end of the month.

2026-2027 fundraisers - Lionsgiving, Lionbackers, Fall Festival - William and Lacy volunteered to head a committee to get ideas rolling for bringing back the Fall Festival.

Board Member replacements - Board will put out a notice and receive applications over the next two weeks. We will reconvene to schedule interviews.

Election of Officers - Cindy recommends waiting until new board members are chosen before electing officers. All agree.

Public Relations Statement - Tiffany recommends sharing a public relations statement regarding the high school staying open. Lynsey disagrees due to the outside relations it could cause. Cristi will post encouraging posts regarding high school.

Formation of an ODCS Foundation - William recommends a board apart from the School Board. This foundation will need to have its own 501c3 to open up the pool of grants available to the school that are not available to churches. Cindy recommends the new Director of Development be the liaison and head of this board. Will reach out to those interested in helping with fundraising and foundation board building. Young County Christian Education Foundation does exist already, Courtney Ramirez is president. We will reach out to all and invite to the June meeting.

Tech Service Agreement - Eric sent a new agreement that is the same as last year. We budgeted the same amount as last year. Cindy makes a motion to accept Eric's proposal. Lacy seconds. All approved. Motion passes.

Purchase of student laptops - will check back with Eric on what is needed. \$17,838 is needed to replace Jr High computers (Dell Inspiron). Will be looking for grants. Will finish discussing at the June meeting.

TEFA update - Cristi presented that we have seen who has chosen us and will move forward with reaching out and completing those applications.

Lacy makes a motion to adjourn to executive session. Cindy seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

Return to Open Session

Cindy makes a motion to accept Cristi Logan's resignation as Principal. Lynsey seconds. All Approve. Motion passes.

Open to questions:

Ronnie Goll asks about the 16 laptops needed for the Jr. High. Jenna Semintal would like the Board to ask the Jr. High teachers how much the current laptops are utilized.

Lynsey makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lacy seconds. All approve. Meeting adjourned.

Motion Through Text

May 17th, 2026

Cindy makes a motion to add another PreK4 teacher due to a waiting list of enrolled students. Lacy seconds. All approve. Motion passes.

Proposal & Motion Through Text

May 18th, 2026

Cindy proposes our policies be revised as follows:

Current wording - Any member of the Board who is an employee, spouse, parent, child, grandparent or grandchild of an employee of Open Door Christian School must recuse himself/herself from voting on matters concerning staff.

Previous wording - No member of the Board shall be an employee, ~~spouse~~, parent, child, grandparent or grandchild of an employee of Open Door Christian School; or an employee of any other public or private school or a member of any other public or private school board. It is preferable that a Board member should not have a spouse who is a teacher. Should a School Board member's ~~spouse or~~ immediate family become an employee, that member will resign from the School Board.

(revised 6/27/23)

Cindy makes a motion that the current wording be replaced with the previous wording. Lacy seconds. All approve. Motion passes.