

Minutes for Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Date: April 18, 2018

Location: OCS Lower School 2nd Floor Multi-Purpose Room

In Attendance: Laura Thompson, Dimitri Dandolos, George Hantzandreou, Elisa Rigas, Tami Soltow, Dr. Michael Kirifides, Mike Klezaras, Abigail LeGrow, Nick Manolakos – Headmaster, Denise Parks – Interim Headmaster

Absent: Joe Wolcott

Guests: Evan Winokur, Jon Stewart, Ashley Sorenson, Karen Thorpe, Renee Beamer, Riccardo Stoeckicht, Kim Wolanski, Dr. Paul Walmsley, Jo-el Fetizanan, Stephanie Beckel, Kim Blatz, Dr. Mattheoudakis

1. Call to Order – 7:03 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Standard Order of Business
 - Review and Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes
 - Motion to approve minutes as drafted – 1st Mike, 2nd Tami, all in favor – minutes approved
 - Acknowledgement of Student/Staff Achievements
 - None this evening
 - Monthly Financial Review
 - At March – 75% of the fiscal year
 - Motion to approve Feb and March financials and web report – 1st Mike, 2nd George, all in favor, approved
 - School Operations Update (Headmaster)
 - Lottery – awaiting finalization of enrollment
 - Budget Process – continuing
 - Project Search @ U of D – attended on 4/18/18 – significant decrease in the participating candidates
 - Initial Partnership Established with DuPont/Dow and Science Fair – some employees from there will be here judging STEM projects tomorrow
 - Revised School Safety Plan – Paul Walmsley and Courtney Saxton are leading the Plan
 1. Preparing for Emergencies
 2. Taking Risk-Assessments
 3. Staff Training – on-going
 4. Proposed edit for name for Team – OCS Administrative and Safety & Security Team Updates
 - Snow Days/Water Main Issues

- 1. Need to make up 2.5 days (June 11, 12, and 13)
 - Proposal for a formal School Grievance Policy
 - 1. Developing process
- PTO report from Board Representative
 - Grandparents' Day updates
 - Possibilities of 3 councils
 - Walk-a-thon and Dance coming up
 - Muffins for Mom, and Donuts for Dad coming up
 - Garden planted this week
 - Carnival on April 28th
- Faculty report from Board Representative
 - Recognition of Faculty and initiative for school projects
 - Carnival – tickets are being pre-sold, volunteers needed for various amounts of time
 - Garden has been planted near bldg. 23 with student and teacher volunteers along with parent volunteers – currently a focus for K and 2nd with plans to involve 1st grade
 - 4th grade just completed Ellis Island Project
 - Book Fair is currently functioning – volunteers needed
 - Teachers and Students have applied for Harvard Program – Harvard is evaluating the applications to select 1 teacher and 1 student
 - Consider adding 2 teachers to the board - if people are added to the board we would need to amend the by-laws to address the percentage of AHEPA members to other members on the board
- Strategic Plan Committee Reports
 - Education Model Meeting – informal meeting
 - 1. Discussion of comparison between FLES and Immersion programs
 - 2. Look on Twitter for #OCSFirst
 - 3. OCS participated in Youth in Government for the first time and took the 3rd largest delegation in the state of Delaware
 - 4. New career pathways are being offered
 - 5. Dual-enrollment will continue next year
 - 6. Teachers will still come from Greece with expectations for the process to be streamlined
 - 7. Building relationships with Ministry of Education in Greece, Greek Universities, and Delaware Department of Education to develop a pool of candidates to provide for sustainability
 - Capital Campaign is progressing but is \$800,000 short for gymnasium completion

1. OCS needs to raise \$100,000 to qualify for an additional \$400,000 to put toward the gymnasium completion.
- Community Outreach
 1. April Issue of Delaware Today – article about Odyssey Charter School (article will be framed and displayed at the school)
- Facilities
 1. LED lighting project on the campus and perhaps solar installations
 2. In-house custodial services are being phased in with progression towards 9 part-time staff providing services by beginning of 2018-2019 school year
 3. Need to replace or fix two HVAC units on campus
 4. Exploring option of replacing a window in each classroom to provide egress with tempered glass and chain ladders for 2nd floor
- Community Outreach
 1. OCS Chorus sang for Mayor of Wilmington in his office/School was given a plaque of recognition
 2. School recognized for being part of the Greek Independence Parade
- World Quality Education
 1. Our Partnerships with U of D – Carol Vukelich for OCS and for Early Learning Center
- Culture
 1. Health and Nutrition is being considered in addition to behavior and emotional wellness
 - a. A parent of a kindergarten student, who is a physical therapist, is working with our Athletic Director to help our coaches, school athletes, and every student at OCS through nutrition and health considerations
 - b. Al DuPont Hospital – working with OCS for health and wellness support
- Unfinished Business
 - Calendar Draft for 2018-2019 school year
 1. To be finalized and distributed soon
 - Transportation update
 1. Buses are certified for out-of-state use
 2. Buses are being used for OCS field trips
 3. Goal is to have all drivers hired by August 1st
 4. Have ordered additional buses with expected delivery of August 13th
 5. Considering fuel pumping station location
 6. Split bell system is proposed for next year (K-6/7-11)

