



Odyssey Charter School

Nurturing a Lifelong Love of Learning

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Meeting called to order at 7:03pm

In Attendance: George Chambers, George Righos, Dimitri Dandolos, Mary Lou Strauss, Kate Klemas, Jen Ballas

Pledge of allegiance

Review of the minutes for March- an amendment will be made to the minutes and re-circulated.

Treasures Report- George Righos (in Ted's absence)

- Rebates/Commissions have been added (uniforms etc)
- will be spending approximately \$2.4 million by year end
- if all things go as planned our budget will go 2% below our contingency
- can the PTO please transfer any funds to school before end of year

Motion made by Dimitri to accept budget, Mary Lou accepted- approved

School Report (Mary Lou for Dr. Nick)

- DCAS is going well
- getting ready for MAP testing
- Greek Parade was a big success for all those who attended
- staff is divided into committees which will take off at the next staff meeting next week
- process has been adapted for renewal from DOE, one thing we don't currently do is provide training for board members current and new and has to also be done every 3 years
- Have we lived up to our commitments and where are we going?
- there will be a site visit at the end of the month from DOE
- Math Olympiad was a success and OCS came in second
- would like that updated on the front page of website
- Jen talked to Allison today – we will have most staff and nurses with contracts ready to go by spring break
- we have a few things that need to be ironed out for IT pay scale
- talked about sick day carry over from the State of DE and what we
- we can carry over 5 a year with 20 banked
- state and local have a different ceiling
- no more salary negotiations
- we have some of the Greek teachers that have taken the praxis and have done very well

Facilities Report- Dimitri

- Construction has been under way 2-3 weeks
- All metal studs for classrooms have been installed
- Bottom line is to be finished by end of June when our Pantano lease is up
- Plan A spaces ready as soon as they finish
- Plan B made arrangements with Stoltz in building 23 for storage
- No delays, should be able to move forward
- Parent question - When will Upper School start renovations? It will happen after kids are out of school, should not take more than a week
- Which rooms? - the ones at the end of the hallway
- Rooms after renovation will be 25 feet bigger than the nodular rooms
- GC- I thought we were going to be converting a whole grade
- Maybe end of June and end of July
- Parent question - is there any thought to doing anything with the teachers lounge? Its not very welcoming – can something be done, maybe the PTO has funds and parents help out
- What is the optimal scenario for this room?
- This needs come from the employees to nick
- Ms. Sieminski, a kindergarten teacher would like to donate a Baldwin piano and drum set
- Kate- the cost of renovating, performance fund \$2 million to be used by end of April (capital projects) it is an opportunity for us that is due by next Monday
- the minute we knew BMP was a reality we started to go to work to get money
- For the record- the board has hired a professional HE HAS SPENT A lot of time and resources that will allow us to pay for at least part of our cost for the BMP project. We have filed numerous applications to get this done,
- Kate is happy to reach out to Lee and get this worked on together
- Mary Lou feels like working with Kendall is a good idea as she really knows what they are looking for.

Other Items

- Modification on the charter school accountability report
- Mundy farm- we received due diligence that has been completed, and they will be establishing a close date very soon.
- Reach out to Tom Harvey to have the late fees and penalties removed
- Dave Sills invoices?

- Parent question- how long of a term is this building (Bayard) going to be used for? We have projected ownership for 3 years.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45