



# Odyssey Charter School

*Nurturing a Lifelong Love of Learning*

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Called to order 7pm

Pledge of Allegiance

**In Attendance:** George Chambers, George Righos, Ted Nannas, Dimitri Dandolos, Kate Klemas, Jen Ballas, Mary Lou Strauss, Chris Grivas called in.

## **Review of July Minutes**

- Motion to approve: Kate, Mary Lou Second—approved

## **Treasures Report- Ted Nannas**

- \$400,000 carry over, which includes some of the grant money, also includes the construction loan
- ***Q-Student Transportation- what is that for?*** \$17,000 is for the last month of school.
- ***Q-What is the amount of busing for the year?*** @\$421,000
- ***Q-Can we add a specific line item on budget for the expenditures that we pay for Greek Teachers? (housing, visa, etc...)*** Yes
- ***Q- is the amount listed for before/after care for deposits?*** Yes
- ***Q-therapist (pt/ot)should they be lumped in to the salary line?*** No, they are outside contractor's
- Motion to accept the report, Dimitri and George Righos second the motion..  
Approved
  
- The budget we need to approve is an estimated amount for the upcoming school year.  
-George Righos made the motion to accept the upcoming school year budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dimitri  
-Kate made the motion to table the vote, Jen 2<sup>nd</sup>  
***-Opposed to table it, Dimitri, Chris, George, Ted***  
***Vote approved***

## **Guest Speaker- Paul Stock to present Achieving Board Excellence Program-**

- \$5000 for program
- Board members take a survey
- outside consultant will tabulate the results based on self-assessment's
- 1-3 hours of technical training to give you their expertise (bi-law writing, strategic plans etc)
- DOE requires governess training

- If you don't want consultant time – you can just do the assessment and get the results \$2500
- Lowest level is just to meet with school administrator and board \$1000

### **School Operations – Dr Nick**

- The bond committee has been given all the information that was needed
- Patrick, new business manager has done a great job
- Innovation School Contractor, Dawn Downes will be coming Monday- to collect info for our Charter renewal
- School results are in and the results are amazing
- New rooms have been divided, at upper school
- New English curriculum, will align w Common Core
- New Greek math books form embassy
- Our librarian for lower school has decided that she has resigned (new hire)
- Trying to calibrate our administrator's observations
- 948 is total enrollment

### **Facilities' Report- Dimitri**

- Building 20 has received CO
- Outstanding issues.. sub dividing rooms and office (per Nicks request)
- Telephone, PA system, clocks @\$70k
- ***Q- Do all the classes have drop ceilings?*** No, some of first grade do not, and don't need it per code and it would be a major expense.
- HVAC- most of units have been repaired; we may need to replace 2 units- very old units and may be beyond repair.
- We have a public meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the BMP 20
- New Castle County we have the community behind us with the ongoing expansion
- We have filed with the county our expansion plans
- DelDot has agreed to allow us to do a narrative with the architect and our attorneys and traffic engineer. It has been approved by attorney and engineer and submitted to DelDot.
- ***Q-do we want to update the website with the information for BMP 20?*** Yes, will get info to Nick to approve and have updated
- **Motion** to accept the resolution to use the 7% at 35 years, made by George Righos, Dimitri second **Motion Passed**. Document needs to be signed by Chris

### **School Food Program-Mr. Righos**

- Approx. 948 families in school.
- 30 cents for breakfast and 40 cents for lunch for the reduced meal program
- Plan is to cook in kitchen and serve the kids in their classrooms
- We are estimating that the cost per child would be \$1.85 for breakfast , \$2.95 for lunch
- Meals will need to be pre ordered
- The Dept of Ag will reimburse the above amount per child
- For in house we would need to have: staff cook, chef manager, 4 part time servers and a clerk
- Per Kate and the cost of outside food program 1 vendor was \$2.60 and the other \$2.87- this is inclusive of delivery of child

- Mary Lou is worried that by using a vendor we don't have control and especially with only having a 20-minute lunch- can we just try it for a year in house??
- ***Q-Has John Konnis been hired as nutrition coordinator?*** A- No
- Jen's concern that we are going to need to be careful for nutrition and allergies
- ***Q-Who is managing the hiring? Administration or Mr Righos, George Chambers or executive committee***
- ***Q-Can we have a special report from Pat regarding the profit and loss ? Yes***
- **Motion** to keep the food program in house, long with a separate report each month from Pat, to review with in the year, Nick and George will work together to bring the hires to George Chambers for personnel made by Mary Lou, Second by Dimitri motion was approved.

Meeting Adjourned 10pm