

The Odyssey School Board met in Open Session on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 7:00 PM, at the Odyssey Charter Upper School, 201 Bayard Avenue, Wilmington, DE.

Board Members Present: George Chambers, Ted Nannas, Dimitri Dandolos, George Righos, Kate Klemas, Jen Ballas

Board Members Absent: Chris Grivas, Mary Lou Strauss

Other Attendees: Nack Manokuloius (Headmaster), Lee Daney, Caroline Parmer, Dave Carroll, Lisa Goodman

CALL TO ORDER

The Public Session was called to order at 7:16 PM by President George Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Minutes for December were approved

Motion to Approve: Kate Klemas Second: Ted Nannas

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: George Chambers, Ted Nannas, Dimitri Dandolos, George Righos, Kate Klemas, Jen Ballas

Minutes for January were amended and approved

Motion to Approve: George Righos Second: Ted Nannas

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: George Chambers, Ted Nannas, Dimitri Dandolos, George Righos, Kate Klemas, Jen Ballas

TREASURER'S REPORT – Ted Nannas

State Financial reports are run on a set schedule and need to be reconciled to QuickBooks prior to generating the Cash Flow Report. Since the Board Meetings are now held on the second Wednesday of each month, there may not be enough time to finalize the Cash Flow report prior to the Board Meeting each month.

There are 3 major outstanding invoices totaling ~\$79,000 for the Mundy Farm Work.

In the future, the Board would like a forecast and a total Capital Project Cost report for the project work.

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report: Dimitri Dandolos Second: George Righos

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: George Chambers, Ted Nannas, Dimitri Dandolos, George Righos, Kate Klemas, Jen Ballas

HEADMASTER REPORT – Dr. Nick Manolakos

- Spelling Bee was held on Saturday. Very good turnout.
- Lottery was also held on Saturday. The lottery went very smoothly. Several Board members and a DOE representative were in attendance. There is a waiting list for all grades. There were a few suggestions for improvement that included better acoustics and displaying the names on a screen as they are drawn to help improve the process.

- Staff Questionnaire - The staff was asked to fill out a survey to determine professional development needs as well as suggestions for overall school improvement. Many good suggestions were made. The results will be tabulated and shared with the Board.
- Friday is an In-service Day. There will be Staff Development and Planning Time for the staff
Board Comment: It is important to continue the work to improve interaction and collaboration between the American and Greek Staff. Consider using In-service days for collaboration activities
- DCAS – The teachers are very focused on test preparation. This is the first year that Component V is being used. The DCAS window is now open and will be open until May.

STRATEGIC PLAN/FUNDRAISING– Lee Daney

The draft of the Strategic Plan was last revised in mid-December. Additional work is still needed on Sections 1 & 2. A Special Session of the Board should be scheduled in mid-to-late March to continue work on the plan.

The spring round for foundation grant submissions is approaching. In order to submit funding requests to the various foundations, the strategic plan as well as details on the facility expansion should be complete. Since there is still work to be done, waiting until the fall to apply to various foundations seems likely.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT – Nick Manolakos

Nick Manolakos will work with Chris Grivas to ensure FOIA compliance in the future.

The Public Session was adjourned at 8:25 PM

Motion to adjourn to Closed Session: Kate Klemas Second: Dimitri Dandolos

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yes: George Chambers, Ted Nannas, Dimitri Dandolos, George Righos, Kate Klemas, Jen Ballas

CLOSED SESSION

Board Members Present: George Chambers, Ted Nannas, Dimitri Dandolo, George Righos, and Jen Ballas
via Teleconference: Chris Grivas, Kate Klemas

Board Members Absent: Mary Lou Strauss

Other Attendees: Nick Manolakos, Caroline Parmer, Lisa Goodman

Items Discussed:

Odyssey Expansion - Legal Issues and Options

Closed Session adjourned at 9:50 PM