



Odyssey Charter School

Nurturing a Lifelong Love of Learning

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Regular scheduled PTO Meeting & added Board Meeting

In Attendance: George Chambers, Mr. Righos, Mary Lou Strauss, Kate Klemas, Dimitri Dandolos, Ted Nannas – absent Chris Grivas

Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting was called to order by George Chambers at 7pm

Kate made motion to accept the minutes for November & December

Treasurers Report: Ted Nannas

- Financial statement for first report fiscal July 1- December 31 everything is inline, needed a payroll analysis
- all moneys from government and state are coming in
- GC payroll went up a bit
- motion to accept by Mary Lou, second Jen Ballas

Operations Report: Dr Nick

- returned from a good break
- Map testing up to 5th grade, 6th grade is the STAR testing for reading
- we identified our families that live in Councilmen Wieners district asking them to respond to him letting him know why we want his support

Katie Standish Curriculum Coordinator k-6

- Accelerated Reader program to start on 1/21 grades 3-6 will start it is a test program
- AR-encourages students to take part of independent reading either checking out from our library or county library - after reading they will then take a test for comprehension
- they will test using the STAR program,
- it will be an incentive based earn points based on each test they take on computer and that will enable them to CASH in for things
- website to look up AR books
- Nick- both Katie and I have worked at schools that have used AR and there has been dramatic increase and reading and testing scores.
- Naomi Hoffman is now employed with the school and will be actively be involved in AR

Facilities Report – Dimitri

- Been working closely with Stoltz to lease building #20 at BMP it is very unique , cafeteria, numerous spaces to easily convert into classrooms-
- K-4 configuration
- in process of designing spaces
- period of due diligence
- committed some money, and have engaged DeAscanis to due to some work
- create application to fire marshal (detailed work architectural and engineering)
- present DelDot a letter of no contest (asked deldot for retrofit we want to do and avoid a traffic survey)we have already been using for our buses to go in and out of that space
- ability to show the engineer the NCC retrofit will not cause any significant changes outside of the building
- submitted plans to the city as well (HVAC, etc)
- proposal from architect just came in will be presenting to the board
- time frame before the end of June
- beautiful cafeteria (evaluated by the state - that we are good to go w that)
- DuPont will be donating furniture and such
- Larry was called into meeting w county executive - they are in full support of school and will do what it takes to help us get in
- AHEPA and Greek community is in support of the school
- other locations, chestnut run (common wealth property), Citibank 80,000 sq feet New Castle County airport property -these are interim capabilities K-8
- St Helena - 2 year option advantages and disadvantages
- the lease is signed BMP, but it is not executed totally until we get all the proper Permits-- we have until the end of March
- intent long term to acquire all of BMP (3 parcels from building 20 back)

New Business

- we should look at a strategic plan for next time to keep families up to date
- parent asked when a Spanish program will be introduced
- this might be something for a special work session
- George will schedule in the next 3 months a working session

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm