



Odyssey Charter School

Nurturing a Lifelong Love of Learning
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July 9, 2014 Board Meeting

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

Pledge of Allegiance

In Attendance: George Chambers, George Righos, Ted Nannas, Chris Grivas, Jen Ballas, Mary Lou Strauss, Kate Klemas

Review Minutes-

Correction to June :

Executive Committee \$200,000 was approved for all permits and approval for purchase and development for BMP

- Motion made to accept minutes with the change by George Righos, second Ted Nannas- approved

Treasures Report- Ted Nannas

- Fiscal end of year June 30th report
- June column – the \$6750 was a payment and not an income
- Local funds – it was a transfer from WSFS account to operating account
- \$24, 000 child care camp
- under BMP rent we paid 2 months rent \$157k
- real true number in spreadsheet the cash \$ 359,129 in bank
- Motion to accept treasures report with changes Chris motioned, Mary Lou second- approved

Headmasters Report – Dr Nick

- Art Teacher of the Year- Natalia Ciriaco
- DOE Board meeting compliance issues
- Greek Summer Camp – over 120 kids
- Summer School remediation
- Hiring 24 new teachers, already hired 21 – busy planning the first week of in service for new teachers
- Enrollment figures- see attached 924 total, but there are still waiting to hear from invitee's
- Before we start adding to the classrooms, is there anything else we can adjust? – comment from Jen
- Original target was 960- we agreed to go in with 940-945
- We can potentially add a couple students per grade from waitlist where we are deficient of the 133 or 134 per grade K-4 grades
- K-3 134 total kids, & 4 & 5 would be 112
- End of year with survey

- Guidance counselor alignment – Barbara at Upper and Kristin at lower and Barbara will pick up 4th
- DCAS results are due out week of July 21nd
- Charter Renewal Process for 2014-2015
- Classroom and Specialist Assignments – lower level BMP #20 issues
- Memorandum of Understanding – State Police and City of Wilmington

Facilities Report – Dimitri

- Certificate of Occupancy- HVAC is the hold up, Mr. Righos will follow up with Jay

New Business

- School lunch must be provided for low income, and will be extended to everyone
- 2 options – go out and purchase food or prepare ourselves
- What is the cost difference between both of those options? Buying the prepared food vs hiring the personnel to cook and serve?
- Have we talked to the 2 state recommended vendors?- Jen Ballas
- Is it something to consider to maybe go with a vendor until winter break then go into preparing ourselves?
- Kate will research the DOE vendors that supply food from recommended from DOE – she will work with Kristin
- Financing options for BMP-, PNC will not go forward with us, Capital One can not go forward for their own reasons (unable to deliver in the time frame). We are working with R.W Baird

Motion made to accept R.W Baird to go forward Chris made the motions, and George Righos second – approved

- Will Larry serve as our borrower council? Yes
- We will sell St Thomas? Yes, we have to sell within a year when we close on note, or lease to someone. We have until December 2014
- Strategic plan – will we expand the board? What board seats need to filled?
- Add Strategic Plan to August meeting

Meeting Adjourned 9:15pm