



Odyssey Charter School

Nurturing a Lifelong Love of Learning
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Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

In Attendance: George Chambers, George Righos, Dimitri Dandolo, Kate Klemas, Jen Ballas

Absent: Ted Nannas, Chris Grivas

Minutes reviewed for January & February

George Righos made a motion to approve minutes, Dimitri second and Mary Lou—
Approved

Treasures Report: George Righos (in Teds place)

- February utilities were high, but to be expected

What is included in professional services: legal fees, security guard.

- The plan is not to have security guard next year (we only needed this year since we share common space)
- Projections for end year we will carry over \$500-600k

Dimitri motioned to accept the report, second by Mary Lou. Approved

Operations Report - Dr Nick

- Nick read a thank you note from a lower school teacher to the board
- Busy time of year and the weather has not helped out, teacher survey, looking at athletics for spring, textbook adoptions, support staff for the growing of the school, parent/teacher conferences Thursday & Friday
- DCAS testing schedule has been proposed will go out tomorrow
- Snow Days - school is measured by the hours, not days - required by state 1060 hours
- Suggestion to work Good Friday, Greek Independence and April 17th (day before spring break)
- Possibility of the Greek staff not being required to work that day
- Faculty felt that the additional time would be beneficial
- The thought would be do we want to make up a day and a half before testing— is there value in that?
- Asking Greek staff are they willing to work? Greek Independence day is not a religious holiday it is equivalent to 4th of July for Americans
- Greek staff take off for Greek independence Day that could be a good recovery for teachers to plan for recovery of lost time
- We need to get out in front of parents and communicate that we are making days up.
- Kate made a motion to make up an instructional day and a half from time lost in snow, March 25 and Thursday April 17th (was half day but now will be a full day)

2nd by Jen

- George recommended that everyone that shows up on Greek Independence Day they get a personal day
- Problem will be that if Greek staff are off that day and if the teacher doesn't have specials they will have no break— -maybe hire some subs that day to help out
- **Vote- George Righos abstained from the vote**
- Enrollment Data needs to be discussed: K-3rd grade 132 students, 4th 110, 5th 110 =, 6th 95-100
- We as charter school were called on carpets 3-4 years ago that we can not have any requirements academically for incoming students
- Why can't we adopt some sort of protocol for the kids that are coming into our school at later years (remedial programs Greek/American & disciplinarian contract??)
- We need to be aligned with the DOE, our school does not get the benefit of doubt.
- Looked at what we need per capita, with the kids we have now and our projected needs for personnel
- We have to adopt a textbook options and looking like it will be over \$100k
- Asking to go to DOE to see what we can do for remediation and assessments for kids that are already accepted
- We have said as a board we are not going to deviate from the DOE standard for the cutoff date for K age kids

Question- Will a child that did not complete Kindergarten at OCS with the birthday cutoff will we allow them in for first grade?

- Initial planning for sports for next year- we have some families that have accepted based on fact that we will be providing a sports program.
- We cannot confirm a field for either fall or spring - county fields with various cost

Is it realistic to have enough participation?

The board had already agreed that we would have sports program- let's look at the budget for this

Any questions on budget forward to George Chambers or George Righos.

Questions from Parents-

Are we saying that we are adding a whole 4th grade class? YES

Dimitri motioned to go into closed session — all yes except Jen

Meeting adjourned 9:05 pm