

Public Board Meeting

Date – May 14, 2012

Location – Odyssey Upper School, Wilmington DE 19805

Members in Attendance: George Chambers - President
George Righos – Vice President
Ted Nannas –
Mary Lou Strauss – Teacher Representative
Jen Ballas – PTO Representative
Kate Klemas – Parent-At-Large Representative
Dimitri Dandolos –
Chris Grivas

Minutes:

1. Meeting opened at 8:05pm and Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Jen Ballas and seconded by Ted Nannas.
 - b. Kate Klemas offer to record motions and actions of today's meeting.
3. Treasurer's report
 - a. Ted Nannas reviewed the current budget and Odyssey continues experience solid standing in its financial position and will meet the DOE guideline maintaining a 6% contingency in our year-end budget.
 - b. The board expects to review its proposed budget for the 2012-2013 school year at the July board meeting.
 - c. George Righos reported that the AHEPA has decided to forgive the \$65,000 loan provided to Odyssey when it first opened. Mr. Righos has extended the Board's deepest gratitude to AHEPA.
4. School operations
 - a. Mr. Righos explained that Odyssey will offer several options to our students this summer. This includes an orientation to Greek language to our new incoming students, a Greek culture camp open to all students and summer academic camp to which teachers will make recommendations. The Greek language camp is from X to X, the Greek culture camp is June 18th through June 22nd and June 25th through 29th. The math and reading camp runs from X to X.
 - b. Dimitri Dandolos mentioned that 5th grade graduation will be on xday, June x.
 - c. George Righos pointed out that Dimitri Dandolos was able to negotiate a new route for our buses with Stoltz Realty and DuPont. The route runs behind the lower school and allows for a safer loading and unloading of students.

5. Facilities report
 - a. George Righos reported that Odyssey has rented 4,500 square feet of space next door to the lower school to accommodate our expanded kindergarten and first grade classes. For next year, the 2012-2013 school year, there will be 6 classes for both grades. Furniture has been acquired
 - b. The four classrooms needed for the 5th grade are already in place in the lower level of the upper school and a computer lab will be added on that floor as well.
6. Facilities Acquisition
 - a. George Chambers updated board members on the work to acquire additional facilities and accommodate our expanding school. Select members of the board continue to negotiating on each of our two options. Grants from community foundations supporting our expansion will be re-certified in early June and we expect to have additional progress to report by the end of June.
7. Headmaster Search
 - a. George Chambers summarized the work of the stakeholder team in initial phase of the selection process. The stakeholder team analyzed the original set of resumes received from the headhunting firm and conducted a preliminary round of interviews. From that, 3 candidates were recommended to the Board for interviews. Those interviews are taking place and a decision is expected in the next four weeks.
8. Committee Reports
 - a. Institutional Advancement – Kate Klemas reported that she and Dimitri are organizing the next steps in setting organizational fundraising program.
 - b. Sports – Jen Ballas reported the subcommittee will meet to develop its recommendations on June 6th and the Board will review them at the July meeting.
9. No items were raised under Old Business.
10. For the Good of the School
 - a. No items were raised under this section

A motion to adjourn was made by Kate Klemas and seconded by Jen Ballas.