

Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board – Approved Minutes

May 17, 2017

OCS Lower School 2nd Floor Multi-Purpose Room

7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: George Hantzandreu, Michael Kirifides, Abigail LeGrow, Elias Rigas, George Righos, Tami Soltow, Dimitri Dandolos, Laura Thompson, Nick Manolakos – Headmaster

Guests: Denise Parks, Karen Thorpe, Chrisi Lockwood, Lauren Hindsley, Kelly Krajewski, Suveer Ganta (8th grade student), Evan Winokur, Chris Holler

Agenda

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Review and Approval of April 2017 Minutes
 - Motion to approve minutes as written – 1st Mike, 2nd George R
 - Approved as Written – all in favor
3. Acknowledgment of Student/Staff Achievements
 - Suveer Ganta - 8th Grade Student – earned second place in Business Fundamentals among many other awards at the Business Professionals of America, National Leadership Conference during the week of May 10th
 - Kelly Krajewski named Odyssey Charter School Teacher of the Year
 - Teacher, Coach, Committee Member, Coordinator of Events
 - See her Facebook Page to find out more
4. Monthly Financial Review
 - Financials are on-point for the year
 - Overall each month our cash position projected for the end of the year continues to improve
 - Draft budget at next meeting
 - Motion to approve the Web Report – 1st Abigail, 2nd George H. , all in favor
5. School Operations Update
 - Headmaster’s Corner – working to update monthly to improve communications with the community
 - 30+ positions for next year
 - New Openings for Admin, recognizing new positions and some resignations
 - PTO Reports New Officers
 - President – Kim Wolanski
 - Vice President – Ryan Connell

- VP of Membership – Kim Federico
 - Correspondence Secretary – Open
 - Recording Secretary – Heather Guerke
 - Treasurer – Kelly Padovani
- Meetings with transportation consultant on School Schedule (Mr. Elliot Merenbloom – nationally recognized scheduling consultant)
- Facilities Planning continue for next year
 - Bldg 22 = grades 3-6
 - Bldg 21 = grades 7-10
 - Capital Campaign for Bldg 23 for high school
- June 13th
 - 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony = morning
 - Grades 4-7 = afternoon
- Kindergarten Welcome Evening
 - Special Event on Thursday, June 1st
 - Meet each other to build community
 - Tour the classrooms, meet the teachers, and to hear presentations about immersion program/other kindergarten program details
- Teacher Leader Pilot Update – state funding will continue next year
 - Supports teachers becoming leaders without leaving the classroom
 - Example: Part-time reading specialist and Part-time reading coach
- Math Articulation
 - Progression of courses through middle and high school
- PISA survey
 - Programme for International Student Assessment
 - Measuring Global Citizens (teachers, administrators, and 9th grade students)
- Updating Course Catalog to reflect 4 year projections
 - AP courses
 - Panel with 6 Delaware Colleges (DelTech, UD, Widener, Wesley)
 - Connected Degree Program
 - Del Tech = Dual-enrollment opportunities for Juniors and Seniors
 - Widener beginning plans with Sophomores next year
 - SEED (Students Equal Excellence Degree) program exploration
 - Surveys for current 8th and 9th grade students to look for interests for exploratories
 - Honors will be offered for 9th, AP courses for 10th

6. Old Business/Committee Reports

- Facilities update
 - We do not have all the funds needed for Bldg 21 and Large Gym – need about \$2.2 million
 - Retrofit of Bldg 21
 - Large gym construction will begin and by sometime in 2018 we might have this facilitate available at some level
- Capital Campaign
 - Will need to be more aggressive in order to cover a down payment, if made, to retrofit Bldg 21 and large gym
- PTO Report
 - New Playground being designed
 - Elections
- Faculty Report
 - Testing Season is occurring
 - Courtney Saxton (Odyssey employee in need) fundraisers
- 7. Strategic Plan Committee Reports**
 - No updates
- 8. Transportation Presentation – Evan Winokur representative**
 - Change in enrollment
 - Transportation funding increase
 - Note: funding could be decreased due to State Budget cuts (will know on June 30th)
 - Contract changes
 - Proposing 18 buses with cap of 60 students per bus
 - GPS/Parent App exploration
 - The Committee would like to request another \$35,000 or \$40,000 for the budget. More discussion is needed before approving this request
- 9. Greek Program**
 - Educational Model Integration and Immersion Implementation
 - Dr. Marina – is planning to come out in mid-July to work with OCS next year.
 - Curriculum is being planned
 - Staffing is being addressed for next year
 - Begin with 2 sections of immersion in Kindergarten
 - Additional resources have been identified
- 10. New Business**
 - None
- 11. Good of the School/Public Comments**
 - Daisy Troop 818 planted six trees on campus and included some fig trees
- 12. Closed Session for Personnel Matters**
 - Motion for Closed Session – Abigail – 1st, Mike – 2nd, all in favor
 - Return from Closed Session
- 13. Adjourn**

- Elias 1st, Mike 2nd – all approved (9:21 PM)