

Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors –

Date: October 18, 2017

Location: OCS Lower School 2nd Floor Multi-Purpose Room

Start Time: 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Laura Thompson, Dimitri Dandolos, George Hantzandreu, Joe Wolcott, Mike Klezaras, Michael Kirifides, Tami Soltow, Nick Manolakos – Headmaster

Absent: Elias Rigas, Abigail LeGrow

Guests: Karen Thorpe, Renee Beamer, Evan Winokur, Denise Parks, Kim Wolanski, Peter Svahn

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Standard Order of Business
 - Review and Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes
 - Motion to accept minutes as corrected – 1st Joe, 2nd Mike Klezaras, all in favor - approved
 - Acknowledgement of Student/Staff Achievements
 - National Principals Month
 - Melissa Tracey, high school teacher, is the only teacher from Delaware who has been invited to attend the Foreign Policy Research Institute Conference “What is Eurasia? – Russian History” in Philadelphia this weekend
 - National School Lunch Month - Mrs. Carney recently came to visit during lunch
 - Monthly Financial Review
 - Motion to approve September Web Report – 1st Tami, 2nd Michael Kirifides, all in favor, approved
 - Budget Discussion/Approval
 - September 30th unit count is complete
 - Still waiting for per pupil amounts to be finalized
 - School Operations Update (Headmaster)
 - DE IDEA Awards
 1. Nominated
 - a. Greek Immersion Program
 - b. Dave Carrell – Cornerstone Award

c. Facilities Crew

- DE Charter School Teacher of the Year is here at OCS – Kelly Krajewski
- Enrollment – 1662
 - 1. Additional students in Kindergarten and First Grade
- Administrative Contract Notifications
- Choice Open House Dates
 - 1. New Families
 - 2. Grades are split on different days
- International Institute for Restorative Practices – Inservice Training
 - 1. Days One and Two: Administrators and Team Leaders
 - 2. Dissemination by these leaders to other staff members
- PTO report from Board Representative
 - Looking for ideas to increase attendance
 - Trunk-or-Treat (10/13/17) was a great success
- Faculty report from Board Representative
 - Next week (10/25/17) is High School Homecoming with game, dance, spirit week
 - Mentoring program for new teachers
 - Support for developing the culture of OCS
 - 1. Weekly advisory occurs in 5th to 10th
 - 2. Responsive Classroom K-4
 - 3. Student Council/Government program
 - 4. Possible parent support for tips
- Strategic Plan Committee Reports
 - Michael – Educational Model
 - 1. Planning on meeting in the next month
 - Capital Campaign
 - 1. Strategizing about reaching out for support for OCS
 - 2. Seeking support from foundations
- Unfinished Business
 - Annual Audit
 - 1. Karen Presented in budget conversations
 - Table of Organization (TOO)
 - 1. Presented during Headmaster’s Report
 - 2. Suggestion to add a descriptive designation of duties in TOO
 - Building 21 Cafeteria Update
 - 1. Cafeteria has own prep area
 - 2. Inspection passed
 - 3. Lunch has been served in the cafeteria
 - Website Update
 - 1. Still looking at proposals
 - Transportation Update
 - 1. Feedback varies about the success of “Where’s the Bus?”

2. Have been able to solve many issues and Evan is working on others

New Business

- None

4. Good of the School

- November 17th and 18th the school is being honored at American Hellenic Institute.
 - Details to come
 - Possible table(s) for OCS to be reserved
- University of Delaware will be involved in Early Learning Childhood Center
- St. Thomas severance has been cleared

5. Announcements/Public Comments

- Attendees suggested ways to encourage donations from families for the capital campaign
 - Suggestions to ask parents for \$20 for the school
 - Suggestions to ask grandparents for support of the school – they could be courted separately from the school
 - Fundraising idea shared
 1. Walls with painted handprints representing donations
- Annual visit from bond holders will be on November 15th in the afternoon
- Raffle for Athletic Association Fundraiser for equipment/facilities and establishment of a scholarship
- CBOC Financial Training is coming up for board members who have not been trained

6. Potential Executive Session for Personnel Matters

- none

7. Adjourn

- motion to adjourn 8:50 1st Mike Klezaras, 2nd Michael Kirifides – all in favor - approved