



Odyssey Charter School

Nurturing a Lifelong Love of Learning

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Board Meeting

September 10, 2014

In Attendance: George Righos, Dimitri Dandolos, Chris Grivas, Mary Lou Strauss, Ted Nannas, Nick Manolacos, Jen Ballas

Call to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Review of Minutes: *Correction- John Food Program Coordinator – not nutrition coordinator*

Motion made to approve –Chris Grivas, 2nd Ted Nannas- Approved

Treasures Report:

- 2 month fiscal ending – only concern renovations to Building #20 – not physical construction but the legal etc

Q- Student transportation what is the budget for the year? A-This is not a whole year but the last 2 months

Q- The building maintenance and repairs is different from renovations? A-Building maintenance is upper school and renovations is for Building #20

Motion made to Approve the report : Mary Lou Strauss, Chris Grivas 2nd... approved

School Report: Dr Nick

- Transition into new building, well received by students, staff and parents
- Parents were not happy with communication especially from lower school, bi-weekly reports, monthly newsletter, updating website
- Transportation – parents can call First Student if they have questions about stops
- First Student has given a commitment of having an extra bus for route 3
- Bus 5 is starting to get better- but it is not where it needs be
- Car line is running well at lower now
- Upcoming events- 9/18 is Open House

Q- Who is the dedicated web master? A- Sani

- Meeting with each administrator to go over expectation and standards

Facilities Report: Dimitri

- Building 20 is done, we are now just going thru things that are coming up on a daily basis
- The demands are increasing and we need to figure out how we can manage 100k sq. feet of space.

Q-what is the timeline to come up with a plan?

A-Dimitri has spoken with parents that are in this type of business, as well as other schools, etc. to look at choices.

- Funding- continuing the bond process
- Trying to get on a calendar with variances

Architectural side we have created a master plan and we are working towards that goal

- 9/17 Public Community Meeting

Food Service- Mr. Righos

- Mid July a package was sent out to all families approx. 940 families
- The beginning of September we started to give out the breakfast, lunch and milk to all that had applied
- Lunch Time has an approx. \$3600 in all deposited
- Waiting for fire marshal to approve the serving area
- Waiting for health inspector
- We are delivering food to classrooms, (32 classrooms in Building 20)

Q- How are we planning to solve the serving issues? **A-** Take food from kitchen to classrooms on a cart for K & 1st grade 2-3-4 will eat in the eating area

Q- Projected date to open cafeteria? **A-** Waiting for fire marshal sometime next week to come

Q- Why did we chose to do in house vs box lunch?, if it is cost prohibitive can we see the cost comparison? **A-** There is no company in the world that will do it for nothing. \$.85 breakfast cost for outside vendor and \$.65 including milk for us to make in house. Outside companies will only deliver to loading dock and that's it.

Q- Was it carefully analyzed to bring in outside vendor vs in house? **A-** Yes

- Jen gave 30 questions and want to see if we can have a panel discussion with Mr. Righos, John K, and Steve (chef) – TBA (please see attached)
Meeting will be 9/25 can we have parents, staff have questions submitted
- We are in compliance with DOE nutritionist Mr. Righos stated according to (Amy & Dana DOE)

Q- Will the nutritional facts be provided with all the menus. **A-** We are required by USDA to adhere by certain guidelines

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Other Business

- the last PTO meeting was well attended and well run meeting.
- AHEPA 5k Sat Sept 20, 2014 5k run/walk, Nice ceremony with numerous awards and prizes, Students per grade as well as alumni

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00pm