

# Minutes

## Odyssey Charter School PTO Meeting Agenda

January 8, 2014

7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

**Executive Committee** Shelly Huber, President; Jo-el Fetizanan, Vice President; Danielle Wenzel, Secretary; Louise Antenucci, Treasurer

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**Guests** Dr. Nick Manolakos, George Chambers, George Righos, Mary Lou Strauss, Jen Ballas, Kate Klemas, Dimitri Dandolo & Ted Nannas

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### Treasurers Report: Ted Nannas

- Financial statement for first report fiscal July 1- December 31 everything is inline, needed a payroll analysis
- All moneys from government and state are coming in
- GC payroll went up a bit
- Motion to accept by Mary Lou, second Jen Ballas

### Operations Report: Dr. Nick Manolakos

- Returned from a good break
- Map testing up to 5th grade, 6th grade is the STAR testing for reading
- We identified our families that live in Councilmen Wieners district asking them to respond to him letting him know why we want his support

### Katie Standish Curriculum Coordinator k-6

- Accelerated Reader program to start on 1/21 grades 3-6 will start it is a test program
- AR-encourages students to take part of independent reading either checking out from our library or county library after reading they will then take a test for comprehension
- They will test using the STAR program
- It will be an incentive based earn points based on each test they take on computer and that will enable them to CASH in for things
- Website to look up AR books is [www.arbookfind.com](http://www.arbookfind.com)
- Both Nick & Katie have worked at schools that have used AR and there has been dramatic increase and reading and testing scores.
- Naomi Hoffman is now employed with the school and will be actively be involved in AR

### Facilities Report – Dimitri Dandolo

- Been working closely with Stoltz to lease building #20 at BMP it is very unique with a cafeteria, numerous spaces to easily convert into classrooms for K-4 configuration and in process of designing spaces
- There will be a period of due diligence
- The Board has committed some money, and have engaged DeAscanis to due to some work.
- They have created an application to fire marshal (detailed work architectural and engineering)
- Must present DelDot a letter of no contest (asked deldot for retrofit we want to do and avoid a traffic survey) we have already been using for our buses to go in and out of that space
- There must be the ability to show the engineer the NCC retrofit will not cause any significant changes outside of the building
- submitted plans to the city as well (HVAC, etc.)
- proposal from architect just came in will be presenting to the board
- time frame before the end of June
- beautiful cafeteria (evaluated by the state - that we are good to go w that)
- DuPont will be donating furniture and such
- Larry was called into meeting w county executive - they are in full support of school and will do what it takes to help us get in
- AHEPA and Greek community is in support of the school
- Other locations, chestnut run (common wealth property), Citibank 80,000 sq feet; New Castle County airport property -these are interim capabilities K-8, St Helena - 2 year option advantages and disadvantages
- the lease is signed BMP, but it is not executed totally until we get all the proper permits-- we have until the end of March
- The intent in the long term to acquire all of BMP (3 parcels from building 20 back)

**OCS Board New Business**

- We should look at a strategic plan for next time to keep families up to date
- Parent asked when a Spanish program will be introduced
- This might be something for a special work session
- George will schedule in the next 3 months a working session

**PTO President Report:** Shelly spoke about Open Gym nights and Paving the Way then yielded to George Chambers

**PTO Vice President:** Jo-el had nothing to present

**PTO Secretary:** Danielle had nothing to present

**PTO Treasurer:** Louise presented the most up to date budget with no issues or questions presented.

**Dates to Remember**

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**Next PTO Meeting: Wednesday 2.5.14 UPPER SCHOOL Library 7pm, used uniform sales 6:30pm.**