

Odyssey Charter School PTO
February 1, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order 7:05pm
7:05pm

Head Count: 32

Executive Committee in Attendance: Shamekia Martin, President; Jennifer McBride, Correspondence Secretary; Cathy Hatton, Recording Secretary

Guests in Attendance: Dr. Nick Manolakos, Headmaster; Evan Winokur, Dean of Lower School; Laura Thompson, Board PTO Representative

I. Past Fundraisers:

- Grotto's Community Night fundraiser in November raised \$430
- Launch Trampoline OCS Night fundraiser in December raised \$860
- Holiday Shoppe fundraiser held in December. Feedback is welcome as it was a first time event and fundraiser for the PTO.
- December's Scholastic Book Fair was successful and earned roughly \$5k in scholastic dollars for teachers
- Box Tops recently earned \$430

II. Upcoming Events & Fundraisers

- Forever Flowers in February. Wood roses for sale \$1 each or 25 for \$21. Sales through 2/10/17 and delivery on 2/13/17
- Kindness Campaign the week of 2/6-2/10/17. Information has been posted on social media and flyers details the week's events to include Welcoming Carline, Buddy Bench installation, Hero Day dress up, Mentor Day, Kindness Tree Mural and Hands Across OCS, plus other classroom activities
- AHEPA Blood Drive 2/11/17. Asking for parents, family and friends to come out and help support the drive by giving blood
- Paving the Way Fundraiser kicks off in February. Each parent is asked to donate \$50 towards the goal.
 - December's PTO member only survey focused on technology. Survey results: let administration decide how to spend the funds raised
 - Tonight's meeting: parents were polled: spend funds on technology, a second playground or other. Playground received most votes
- February's OCS Night at the Sixer's is sold out. A fixed amount of tickets had to be purchased upfront and the demand was higher than anticipated.
 - PTO is planning an 87'ers night at the Bob Carpenter Center where the Chorus or Band will have the opportunity to perform at the game. Tickets will be approximately \$11
- Joe Corbi's fundraiser is upcoming in March
- There will be a school wide special persons dance on April 29, 2017. Students attend the dance with a special adult such as a parent, grandparent, guardian, etc. There will be two time slots with a maximum capacity of 250

each. Only 500 tickets will be made available for purchase. Volunteers will be needed.

- PTO Executive Committee nominations are being accepted until February 28, 2017. Nominees will be announced at the March meeting and voting will be held in April

III. Administration Report

- Dr. Nick held the first Coffee with the Headmaster event in January and plans to do so on a monthly basis. It is a chance for parents to meet with administration to express concerns and ask questions. The next coffee event is on 2/4/17 starting at 9am
- Dr. Nick encouraged parents with expertise, ideas or concerns in the areas of collaborative leadership and school culture to contact Laura Thompson, PTO representative on the Board. The board invites parents to become involved in and with committees forming on such issues as school culture, fundraising, etc.
- The next board meeting is 2/15/17. There will be a presentation about transportation at the meeting. Administration has heard the parents about these issues and looks proactively to solve these issues.

IV. Board Report

- Parents are strongly encouraged and welcome to join board committees. For more information email Laura Thompson. Email is available on the Board page of the school's website
- Coffee with Dr. Nick was a great opportunity to meet and talk about school culture
- The board is excited about the school building partnerships with other organizations such as Hagley Museum, the Delaware Museum of Natural History and Ancient Olympus school
- Virtual meetings will be a possibility for board committee meetings

Meeting adjourned: 8:03pm

Next meeting: March 1, 2017