

## Odyssey Charter School PTO Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2017

Call to Order: 7:07pm

Head Count: 12

Executive Committee Members in Attendance: Ryan Connell, President, Kim Federico, Vice President of Administration, Kelly Padovani, Treasurer, Heather Guerke, Recording Secretary, Nina Ortiz, Correspondence Secretary

Guests in Attendance: Paul Walmsley, OCS Administration, Michael Klezaras, Board PTO Representative, Traci Robinson-McGinnis, OCS Administrative Assistant, Lisa Friedel, OCS faculty

### I. Call to Order

- a. Ryan Connell welcomed all for attending.

### II. Old Business

- a. Ryan Connell reported that PTO held is helping coordinate the Spring Book Fair which is currently happening. We desperately need volunteers to make these events a success. The event will be combined with Grandparents Day this year to consolidate events. Teachers need to submit their wish lists as soon as possible so they can be fulfilled.
- b. Nominations for PTO Executive Officers are being accepted. Please contact Jo-el Fetizanan if you would like to nominate someone.
- c. Ryan Connell has submitted proposed changes of the PTO Bylaws to accommodate the growing needs of the school and to implement the realistic changes of the PTO's demands that have changed since the PTO's inception. We are waiting for feedback of the proposed changes from the OCS School Board at this time.
- d. Paving the Way is underway. This is the PTO's biggest fundraiser.
- e. Donations have been made from the PTO to several items including the OCS garden and to providing signage for the school.

### III. New Business

- a. PTO Executive Board Reports
  1. Kim Federico reported that Joe Corbi's fundraiser has been extended due to unforeseen circumstances. She announced that the student who sells the most will win a Nintendo Switch. Also, any student who sells will receive a free jump pass to SkyZone. She mentioned that the school has approved the date of May 4, 2018 for the PTO Walk-A-thon and that Alison Ray will Chair the event. Volunteers will be needed.
  2. Nina Ortiz reported that Guys & Ties and Girls & Pearls Dance planning is underway and will take place on May 12, 2018. Tickets are on sale now for \$10 per person and will include food, drinks and activities.

3. Heather Guerke mentioned that Kindness Week just wrapped up and that the event was cut short due to the weather conditions and the water main break, but that the Chairs of the event did a great job. Money was raised and donated to a local animal shelter.
  4. There are many upcoming events that were discussed including: April 20<sup>th</sup> will be a dress down day to raise money to offset the cost of the field day t-shirts for which the PTO pays, Muffins with Mom, Donuts with Dads, OCS Carnival on April 28<sup>th</sup> (OCS donates for the inflatables), and Teacher Appreciation Week.
- b. Administration Updates: Paul Walmsley- Dr. Walmsley thanked the PTO for donating the PBS prizes throughout the school year. He mentioned that the PTO event Skate night at the Christiana Skating Center was a success, although it was not an official school event since school was cancelled the day it occurred. State testing for third grade will take place the week of April 16, 2018. Among the items on the school's radar: Field Day, getting the spring garden up and running, OCS Carnival on April 28, 2018, Walking and Running Club with Zach Perholes, numerous field trips, traveling zoo, and the Artifacts Room Exhibit. He also mentioned that school would be extended by 2.5 days to make up the missed days as a result of winter weather and the water main break. This also slightly modified the marking periods.
  - c. PTO Board Rep Update: Michael Klezaras reported that since School Board was unable to meet due to the unexpected circumstances, there was nothing to report from the most recent meeting. However, it was mentioned that OCS just had a nice article in the Delaware Today magazine. He mentioned that the article would be used for the Major Gifts Initiative. He also mentioned that the next few weeks would be busy and productive because there is a lot going on and a lot to discuss as a result of the postponed meeting. He mentioned that this is an exciting time for OCS because there is a lot going on and a lot of opportunities.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:13pm

Next Meeting: May 2, 2018, 7pm

Used Uniform Sale: May 2, 2018, 6:15-6:45pm