

Minutes for Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Date: April 17, 2019

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

Start Time: 7:06 PM

Present: Laura Thompson, Joe Wolcott, , Dr. Michael Kirifides (Michael K), Tami Soltow, Mike Klezaras (Mike K), Elias Rigas, George Hantzandreu, Denise Parks – Head of School, Riccardo Stoeckicht – Campus Operating Officer

Absent: AnaMaria Anagnostou

Agenda

1. Call to Order – 7:06 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Standard Order of Business
 - Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes
 - Motion to approve minutes as amended – Mike K 1st, Michael K 2nd, all in favor, approved
 - Acknowledgement of Student/Staff Achievements
 - Lauren Jester, High School Civics teacher in her second year at OCS – awarded \$24,000 from James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation to pursue Masters of History in Constitutional Studies
 - Only one teacher per state is selected
 - Will attend four-week Summer Institute on the Constitution, “The Foundations of American Constitutionalism” in Washington, D. C.
 - Public Comments
 - None
 - Monthly Financial Review
 - As of March 31st
 - Motion to approve the web report for posting – George 1st, Mike K 2nd, all in favor, approved
 - Head of School Report
 - Review and approval of 2019-2020 school year calendar
 1. Discussion about specific holidays
 2. Motion for approval of the 2019-2020 School Year calendar as distributed/reviewed for official submission to the Delaware Department of Education – Tami 1st, Elias 2nd, all in favor, approved
 - Review and approval of education rights and funding for students of full-time, out-of-state employees
 1. Motion to acknowledge that Out-of-state children whose parent or legal guardian is employed on a full-time basis by any reorganized

school district may attend school in the district where the parent or guardian is employed during the period of the parent or guardian's employment upon written approval of the receiving district and payment of tuition if charged by the district. Such children may not be included in the September 30th Unit Count for state funding purposes – Tami 1st, George 2nd, all in favor, acknowledged

- Academics
 1. Awaiting results from SAT/PSAT; DCAS and Smarter Balanced State Testing is ongoing
 2. 11 students headed to Dover for Earth Day Press Conference with Governor Carney April 18 for Governor's announcement of support for single-use plastics ban
 3. NEA Foundation *Student Achievement Grant* \$5,000; portable kitchen unit for food studies coursework
- Professional Practice
 1. Equity Conference representation
 2. Jefferson School Sustainability visit
 3. WJBR Teacher of the Month – Casey Bowne
- Engagement
 1. Read-a-Thon - \$16,000 raised for OCS (technology and books)
 2. American Heart Challenge – over \$16,500 raised; 1,500 for the PE department
 3. Greece Spring Break Trip attendees returning April 18th
 4. Greek Immersion and FLES successes
- Campus Operations Officer Report
 - Update for facilities for on-site cameras
 - Wall Mats are installed in the Small Gym
 - Basketball hoops have been installed
 - Transportation has been handling in-house transportation for after school events and sports
- Citizens Budget Oversight Committee (CBOC)
 - Paul Brooks – budget is on-track for cash-on-hand goals
 - Next meeting is in June at 6:15 before most, regular Board meetings
 - Notification of meetings will be added to school communications
- PTO report from Board Representative
 - Nominations being taken for PTO positions
 - Teacher and Staff appreciation on May 6th
 - Pave the Way Campaign underway – if \$50 per student are donated, then goals will be met for 5 Chromebooks per elementary classrooms and furniture for High School lobby
- Faculty report from Board Representative
 - DonorsChoose.org to donate to teachers
 - 6th grade had yard sale to raise money for computers

- Strategic Plan Committee Reports
 - Postponed
 - New Business
 - Approval of proposal for consultant on board governance
 1. Refresher courses for education about Board responsibilities and functioning (perhaps in July or August to accommodate current and new Board members)
 2. Perhaps update stakeholder survey
 3. Proposed welcome packet for new Board members to increase understanding of responsibilities and budget considerations
4. Good of the School
- Anamaria is not here this evening because she is injured and having surgery
 - Donuts for Dads was a great event
 - Gardens boxes were built and installed by students, parents, teachers, and other volunteers over 4 hours last weekend
5. Executive Session
- Discussion regarding collective bargaining and potential litigation – 29 Del. C. § 10004(b)(4)
 - Discussion of potential real estate transaction – 29 Del. C. § 10004(b)(2)
 - Discussion regarding documents excluded from the definition of “public record” – 29 Del. C. § 1004(b)(6)
 - Motion to move into Executive Session – George 1st, Michael K 2nd, all in favor, approved – 8:11 PM
 - Return to public session – 10:50 PM
6. Public Session –
- Discussion of potential real estate transaction – 29 Del. C. § 10004(b)(2)
 - Motion to authorize the negotiation of the real estate transaction discussed in executive session – George 1st, Michael K 2nd, all in favor, approved
 - Discussion regarding documents excluded from the definition of “public record” – 29 Del. C. § 1004(b)(6)
 - Meeting is set for April 29th to further discuss this issue
7. Adjourn
- Motion to adjourn – George 1st, Tami 2nd, all in favor, approved