



Minutes for Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Date: August 28, 2019

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

In Attendance: President Josiah Wolcott (JW), Treasurer George Hantzandreu (GH), Anamaria Anagnostou (AA), Tami Soltow (TS), Michael Kirifides (MK), Michael Klezaras, Jr. (MKJ)

Absent: Elias Rigas (ER)

Minutes Taken by: GH

Start Time: 7:00 PM

Agenda¹

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Executive Session - Motion to enter at 7:03pm: GH - 1st, MKJ - 2nd, All in Favor, Approved

- Motion to come out of Executive Session: 8:15pm: GH – 1st, AA – 2nd, All in Favor, approved

4. Standard Order of Business

- Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes – AA - 1st, MK - 2nd
- Acknowledgement of Student/Staff Achievements
 - Welcome all new teachers and faculty
- Public Comments
 - Katie Manley
- Monthly Financial Review - Presented by Vanessa McCall (Attachments A, B and C)
 - Motion to approve web report (Attachment D): GH – 1st, TS – 2nd, all in favor, approved
- Head of School report - Denise Parks (Attachment E)
 - 67% of rising seniors completed 1 or more college-level courses
 - 77% success rate in Ellinomatheia exam (22 students attempted the exam with 17 passing)
 - Essentially doubled enrollment in 5 years (2015 – 933 Students/2019 - 1802 Students)
 - School Improvement Plan discussed
 - Greek Immersion Expansion – up to 2nd grade for 19/20 School Year
 - Greek Program report - Dr. Marina Mattheoudakis
 - a. New Elective Greek Course: Food Studies and Mediterranean Diet
 - b. 8 New Greek Teachers for 19/20

¹ All agenda items are potential action items for which a vote may be taken.



- c. 3 New Immersion American Teachers
- Campus Operations Officer Report – Riccardo Stoeckicht
 - Building 23 update: Teachers started moving in 8/26
 - 7-7.5% cost overrun on Budget for General Contractor’s scope currently (~\$40K)
 - County Inspection – to be done after Fire Marshall approval. Scheduled for Friday, 8/30
 - Fire Marshall Inspection
 - a. 4 or 5 small items that will be rectified and the Fire Marshall will return Thursday
 - Red Clay transportation for Cooke Started
 - Food Service – La Academia renewed
 - St. Thomas – struggling to find tenants
- Charter Renewal Discussion – Denise Parks & Riccardo Stoeckicht (Attachment F)
 - Renewal Period will go through 2025
 - Board Feedback needed
 - Application Due Date: 9/30/2019
 - Board will meet 9/25/2019 to finalize and approve application
- Citizens Budget Oversight Committee report - Paul Brooks (President of CBOC)
 - Reviewed July Financials
 - CSAC recommendations to strengthen CBOC access to information
 - a. First step was taken for the July meeting – Karen Thorpe emailed the full financial report
 - b. Potential to look at a quarterly report of the P-Card (Purchasing Credit Card)
 - c. Need a new teacher volunteer
 - d. Discussed how much money the AHEPA Gala came in
 - a. \$52K came to OCS, minus promotional video cost, roughly \$40K came into OCS
 - b. Roughly \$22K went to Ithaka program
- Faculty report from Board representative - TS
 - Looking forward to a great school year!
- PTO report from Board representative - MKJ attended
- Compliance Committee Report – ER absent
 - 2 meetings were held
 - Subcommittees are organized
- Nominating Committee Report - ER absent
 - New solicitation has gone out for 1-2 positions
- New Business
 - Additional Nominating Committee
 - a. To take nominations for ER and TS spots



- b. The committee will make recommendations
- c. Two 3-year terms
- d. Motion to form a nominating committee to receive applications for ER and TS seats. To be chaired by JW and other committee members will be appointed by JW. GH – 1st, MKJ - 2nd, All in Favor, Approved

5. Good of the School

- MKJ - AHEPA 5K run to change to a Color Run and will held April 4th, 2020
- PTO is looking to help

6. Executive Session - motion to adjourn public session and enter Executive Session at 9:55pm – AA - 1st, GH - 2nd, All in Favor, Approved

- 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)
 - Motion to come out of Executive Session: MKJ - 1st, MK – 2nd, all in favor, approved 10:50pm
 - Back in Public Session 10:51
 - Motion to authorize JW and/or his delegate to engage in discussions as described in Executive Session. GH - 1st, AA - 2nd, In favor: JW, GH, AA, MKJ, MK Not in favor: TS. Approved.

7. Adjourn Motion to Adjourn, AA - 1st, MKJ - 2nd, 10:53pm