

Minutes for Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Date: February 27, 2019

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

Start Time: 6:30 PM

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

Absent: None

Agenda

1. Call to Order – 6:30 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Motion to move to Executive Session – Mike K 1st, Michael K 2nd, all in favor
4. Return to Public Session – 7:44 PM
5. Standard Order of Business
 - Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes
 - Motion to Approve minutes as amended (typographical errors) – Mike K 1st, Michael K 2nd, all in favor - approved
 - Acknowledgement of Student/Staff Achievements
 - Tessa LaNeve – Middle School Drama teacher
 1. Community Outreach – 8th Grade Enrichment class came up with an after school idea for a Drama Club
 - a. Bring exercises in acting, directing, and writing to people who may not have these readily available
 - b. Going to Nursing Home to work with residents to collect stories and create monologues and will present *as* the residents *to* the residents
 - Public Comments
 - Chris Sarmousakis
 - Katie Manley
 - Board President - Good of the School
 - Gala Update
 1. Over \$100,000 raised
 2. AHEPA is working to raise 2 million to support OCS efforts
 3. Partnership established between University of Delaware and branch of the University of Thessaloniki for a branch to be established in Delaware - OCS will cooperate with this branch
 - Monthly Financial Review
 - Web report was unavailable for review tonight, but will be posted and will be shared with the Board next month

- Motion to approve the final budget – Mike K 1st, George 2nd, all in favor - approved
- Head of School Report
 - Choice
 1. Invitations went out February 12th
 2. Majority of K seats filled
 3. Middle and High School shadowing days are available
 - Academics
 1. Business Professionals of America
 - a. Nidhi Patel – State Secretary
 - b. Suveer Ganta – 4th Place, Personal Finance Management
 2. Dual-Enrollment
 - a. New Courses: Psychology and Anatomy/Physiology
 3. Green Team/Environmental Education
 - a. Chickens and Coop are coming
 - b. Outdoor Classroom materials
 - c. Water Bottle filling stations installed
 - Professional Practice
 1. Inservice with instructional strategy and literacy foci
 2. Safety and security feedback and training
 - Engagement
 1. Twin Day, Neon Glow Day, Pep Rally 8th – 11th
 2. Kindness Week March 4 to March 6
 3. Family Conferences March 7 and March 8
 4. Athletics
 - a. Good seasons for Basketball, Wrestling, Cheer, Winter XC, Archery, and Intramural Basketball
 - Internet Safety Presentation next week after the PTO meeting
- Campus Operations Officer Report
 - Facilities
 1. Elevator Tower is being constructed
 2. Facilities maintenance and snow blower purchased
 3. Completed Emergency Pedestrian Exit for safety purposes
 - Transportation
 1. Preparing recommendation for the Board about further growth of transportation purchases
 2. 15-passenger van has been purchased to assist with athletic and other transportation
 - Food Service
 1. Mrs. Carney visits soon
 - IT
 1. Beginning work to reclaim wiring
 2. Expanding number of external cameras

- Conversations with Pettinaro regarding development and traffic impact
- Consideration of WSFS mortgage
 1. Motion to approve the resolution to authorize all action by the Charter school necessary to effectuate the rollover of the two mortgages – Mike K 1st, Elias 2nd, all in favor, approved
- Consideration of Form 990 for 2017-2018 school year
 1. Motion to approve the Form 990 for 2017-2018 (June 30, 2018) as submitted for submission to the IRS – George 1st, Michael K 2nd, all in favor, approved
- Public Comments
- PTO report from Board Representative
 - PTO Supports the Whole Child and the School
 1. Field Day shirts are supported by PTO
 2. Outdoor classroom materials are supported by PTO
- Faculty report from Board Representative
 - Read-a-thon (March 18-29) to raise money for class technology and library books
 - Natalie Wagner (3rd Grade Teacher) invites Board members to come to classrooms
 - PTO Meeting on March 6th with Beau Biden Foundation presenting about Internet Safety
 - Thank you to Nurses
 - Donors Choose is a way to donate to teachers to support classroom projects; look up Odyssey Charter School
- Citizens Budget Oversight Committee (CBOC)
 - Letter from Chairman, Paul Brooks, was read by Joe Wolcott
 - These are Public Meetings are held at 6:15 PM before Board Meetings
- New Business
 - Consideration of proposed bylaw amendments circulated to Board in writing by e-mail on January 23, 2019
 1. Motion for Board to amend the Article II, Section 8 bylaws in a manner similar to the proposed amendment that was circulated on January 23rd, 2019 which included a 3/4 majority vote for certain motions as defined in the amendment – Tami 1st, Laura 2nd, discussion – 2 in favor, 6 against, motion fails
 2. Motion for Board to amend the Article II, Section 8 bylaws in a manner similar to the proposed amendment that was circulated on January 23rd, 2019 which increases a simple majority vote to a 2/3 majority vote for certain motions as defined in the amendment - Elias 1st, Joe 2nd, discussion – 2 in favor, 6 against, motion fails
 - Creation of Nominating Committee for Board of Director positions –
 1. Person chairing the committee has to be a non-AHEPA member and Elias has volunteered to be the chair. Nominating Committee

is formed to fill the vacant seat on the Board with an anticipated recommendation for the next Board meeting. We need two more people to be on the committee. Tami and AnaMaria have volunteered.

2. Nominating committee will determine how Board Members begin renewal cycles.

○ Report of Search Committee –

1. Positions were posted

2. Interviews were conducted

3. Clarification sought about Board's vision for the position – Is it only focusing on development/fundraising or is it meant to be more inclusive and prioritizing development, strategic partnerships, and Hellenic initiatives?

a. Board Discussion about job description and expectations for person filling this position

b. Board prefers a person who can fill all of the three options with an emphasis on fundraising

6. Good of the School

- Structured schedule for Town Hall meetings – A year of meetings has been proposed. (March 13th is the anticipated next Town Hall meeting – emails will confirm). Town Hall meetings will be every two months during the year. 2nd Wednesdays in September, November, January, March, May are being considered for Town Hall Meetings next year. Meetings will be 6:30 to 7:30.
- Thank you to staff and teachers for their response during the incident/threat that occurred at the school last week.
- Gala will help to build out auditorium and high school classrooms. Shields have been created to celebrate the AHEPA principles and values and these shields have been donated to OCS.

7. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn – Mike K 1st, AnaMaria 2nd, all in favor. Adjourned 10:02 PM