

# Minutes for Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Meeting on 1.16.19

@7:04 called to order

Present: All Board Members, Denise Parks – Head of School, Riccardo Stoeckicht – Campus Operating Officer

Absent: None

## Pledge of Allegiance

- Look at minutes from the last meeting
- Motion to approve the minutes
  - Mike K. made the Motion to approve the minutes
  - Elias 2nd the Motion
  - All in favor, none opposed
- George introduced Vanessa McCall, our new Business Manager
  - Vanessa McCall- started in early January,

## Denise - acknowledgement of Student and Staff Achievement

- Teacher Kyle Rodkey & student Sean Brooks- attended and participated in Model UN
- Delegation of students attend the Model UN in Hershey PA
- Nidhi Patel represented China
- OCS recognized as a Premier Delegation- only delegation to receive that award

## Public Comments

- Katie Manley
- Ryan Connell
- Chris Sarmousakis- defer and will hold comments to the next meeting
- Peter Svahn- defer and will hold comments to the next meeting
- Paul Brooks

## Monthly Financial Review

- Karen Thorpe- participated by phone
- Revenues - at point we would expect to be at this time in the school year
  - Most revenues are in
- Expenditures
  - Increase in salaries due to accreditations
  - Year-end cash about \$3.4 million
  - No questions
  - Motion to approve- Elias 1<sup>st</sup> and Michael Karafides 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - All approved and none opposed

## Head of School Report

- Choice application window closed
  - Over 2,100 applications so far for next year
  - Survey sent to parents in grades 6-9 for retention purposes

- Lottery is electronic
- Ashley Sorenson- Dean of Upper School and 1:1 Program
  - Starting at high school level 9-11
  - Chromebook model selected
  - Teachers received training and rollout is scheduled for beginning of the 3rd marking period.
- Mid Year Assessments
- Teacher Training and In-Service Professional Development
- Pierce College in Greece Partnerships- 20 9th grade students visiting from Greece. If you would like to be a host family, please contact OCS
- OCS Summer Camp- June 24- August 23, Stephanie Beckel is developing the Summer Camp

#### Campus Operations Report

- Pop up lab in building 22 will be ready by tomorrow
- Transportation - heard concerns at Town Hall meeting mostly about buses operated by our Vendor
- School lunch and National Shut-down (funding is guaranteed through March)
- Campus Initiatives - Campus Assessment regarding Safety and Security practices
- Pedestrian Emergency Egress at the back of the property is being investigated
- OCS in discussions to sell St. Thomas property

#### Faculty Report

#### Strategic Planning Committee Report

- No reports

#### Unfinished Business

- Consideration of the proposed bylaw amendment that was circulated
- Joe asked if anyone has a motion
- Tami stated Article VIII Section 2
- Interest of fairness pushed off to the next meeting- February
- Bylaws Committee moving forward needs to address bylaws inconsistency

#### New Business

- Report of Search Committee
- Last meeting formed search committee
  - Members of the committee are: Joe Wolcott, George Hatzandreou, Laura Thompson, Karen Budd, Angela Marconi, Michael Padovani and Eva Janelli
  - Collected resumes for all 3 positions

#### Good of the School

- Gala
- Global Education Campus

George made motion not move into executive session, Elias 2nd

Executive Session at 8:26

Return to public session @ 9:27

Motion to authorize RS to negotiate potential real estate transaction as discussed in the Executive Session – George 1<sup>st</sup>, Mike K 2<sup>nd</sup>