

January 18, 2017

## OCS Board Meeting

In Attendance: Dimitri Dandolos, Laura Thompson, George Hantzandreou, George Righos, Abigail LeGrow, Josiah Wolcott, Elias Rigas, Tami Soltow, Michael Kirifides, Nick Manolakos - Headmaster

Guests: Riccardo Stoeckicht, Chris Holler, Karen Thorpe, Chrisi Lockwood, Mrs. Gladney and Denise Parks

Call to Order: 7:05 PM

## Pledge of Allegiance

DOE Performance Frameworks and Data Tracking Presentation – Ms. Denise Stouffer

## Monthly Review of Financials

- All districts have paid 100% of their share for the year
- All major revenue is in hand
- Budgeting items are trending in line with projections

Motion to approve: 1<sup>st</sup> - George H and 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mike K – all in favor

Review of Minutes: Motion to accept as amended – 1<sup>st</sup> Elias, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tami – all in favor

## School Operations

- School Choice
  - Choice Applications Period has closed
  - School will participate in the DSC computerized lottery system
    - Invitees will be informed on Feb 28<sup>th</sup> and parents respond by March 17<sup>th</sup>

## Old Business/Committee Reports

- University Thessaloniki – February Visit
  - Commitments are to help us embellish our Greek Program with resources
    - Department specializes in training content and linguistically capable teachers
    - 3 of their professors will come here between Feb 4-18
    - Team from our school will work with them in Greece to further develop the partnership
    - MOU will be signed with U of D and this could be used to help our school
- Facilities Update
  - Final foundation will be laid
  - Weather-permitting the building should be up shortly
- Capital Campaign and AHEPA Fundraising
  - Grant applications
  - High Net-worth individuals and corporations
  - Seed money from AHEPA
- Greek Ministry, Consulate, and Teachers – Mr. Righos
  - Rebuilding relationship with Greece for sponsored teachers
- PTO Report from Representative

- Interested in parents applying to new positions next year
  - Parents can shadow for experience
- Event at Launch happened already, next event is at 87ers
- Mr. Winokur met with some parents about bullying and bus issues

#### Strategic Plan Status

- Past strategic plan was reviewed
- 9 Goals have been developed
  - Sub-committees will be developed with board members included

Motion to accept: 1<sup>st</sup> - George R, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Michael – all in favor

#### School Culture Programs to address Student Character and Behavior Development

- Academic Model – Breaking Ranks Model
- Student Wellness Initiatives

#### Greek Program

- Educational Program
  - One program that combines Greek and American portions of the curriculum
  - Partnerships
    - University of Thessaloniki
    - U of D
    - DOE
- Immersion
  - FLES program currently – one level of immersion
  - Exploring new immersion models
  - Meeting with DOE to design pilot program possibly for next academic year
  - Strong support from DOE for immersion program
  - Immersion program considerations
    - Effective outcomes academically
    - Financially less expensive than FLES

#### New Business

- Odyssey Charter School Enrollment and Projections
  - Considering:
    - Square footage per student
    - Transportation/traffic issues
    - Curricular growth
    - Administrative and support staff burdens

#### Good of the School/Public Comments

- AHEPA meeting
  - Will donate money from 5K run to capital campaign – approximately \$11,000
- Delaware Museum of Natural History

- AHEPA will consider a sponsored partnership to provide discounts for OCS students and invitations for events
- It is proposed that 9<sup>th</sup> graders can have internship at DMNH as presenter
- AHEPA donated money to Hagley Museum in the past
  - There are discounts at Hagley for our students
- Parent Concerns
  - Parents - Richella Jordan, Jennifer McBride
    - 99% of families seem to be satisfied with OCS
    - Some issues for the approximate 1%
      - Communications
        - Website is good start
        - Social Groups are posting negative comments
      - IEPs – Parent - Lauren Foreaker
        - Some issues with consistency of services

Motion to Adjourn

Michael 1<sup>st</sup>, Tami 2<sup>nd</sup> – all in favor

Adjourned 9:30 PM