



Minutes for Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Date: July 15, 2020

Location: Teleconference

Start Time: Public Meeting at 6:02 PM (via zoom, see below invite)

In Attendance: President Elias Rigas (ER), Vice-President, Anamaria Anagnostou (AA), Vice-President, Erin Allard (EA), Secretary Alisa Moen (AM), Treasurer Rodrigo Torres (RT), Eva Jannelli (EJ), Maryann Yarram (MY), Ken Przywara (KP), Georgia Halakos (GH), Helen Anderson (HA), Valerie Caras (VC)

Minutes Taken By: MY

Agenda¹

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Standard Order of Business
 - Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes
 - Motion to approve June 24th minutes
 - AA – 1st, AM – 2nd, All in favor – approved
 - Public Comments
 - None
 - Audience could text in the chat area if they would like to make public comments later
 - Monthly Financial Review: Jeff Koss provided an overview of revenue collected to date and expenditures; provided status of CARES Act funding.
 - Budget: Karen Thorpe (KT) provided an overview of preliminary budget based on
 - 100% school reopening; KT outlined the many challenges to formulating the budget for 2020/2021 academic year based on pandemic uncertainty and state's guidelines and projections
 - Motion to approve the tentative budget as presented with the expectations of amending the many line items subject to reopening plans and state's further clarification of state and local funding Approved unanimously (AM-1st; EA-2nd)
 - Motion to approve the financial web report
 - Approved unanimously (AM-1st; AA-2nd)
 - Motion to approve funding allocation for the 1:1 technology resource for all OCS students and the ancillary OCS corporate resolution for financing
 - Approved unanimously (AM-1st; AA-2nd)
 - Head of School report: Riccardo Stoeckicht
 - Reopening plans
 - Sent out a survey that covered our key stakeholders – staff, students and parents

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



- Received 1400 responses
- 48 -50% of respondents are not comfortable returning for in-person reopening
- 17% don't have enough data to express their intention
- Close to 60% are not comfortable with busing
- Campus learning/ remote/ hybrid learning
 - Expressed flexibility
- Health/ wellness
 - 70% of responders favor use of masks and temp checks for students and adequate social distancing
- Remote learning:
 - Concern being addressed by the academic teams
- Community expressed desire for more live lesson environment Written comments
 - Safety is most important
- RS: implemented the Reopening working group structure
 - Academic and equity
 - Health and wellness
 - Operations and services
 - Exploring the various options
 - Findings and recommendations to be forthcoming end of July /early August
- Revised school year calendar: SB
 - Pushing back the start of the academic year to to allow more time for Professional Development (PD) for teachers
 - PD will continue for 9 days
 - New start date: Tuesday, Sept. 8th
 - 9/28 Yom Kippur – make it a day off
 - Wednesday before Thanksgiving – day off
 - June: Student school year would end on June 16th, Wednesday. Will add 2.5 days
 - Teacher last day would remain the same
 - Motion to approve the revised calendar
 - Approved unanimously (EJ-1st; AM-2nd)
- RS: B23 construction update
 - Once the permits are in place, contractors should proceed with the construction
 - Should begin within 60 days
- Mary Rigos: Retirement announcement - last Board meeting



- RS: Mary has been with OCS since day 1
- Thanked Mary for her service to the school
- Budget Oversight Committee:
 - Karen Thorpe : provided the DOE report
 - BOC met before the Board meeting
- Faculty report: EJ
 - All staff are waiting anxiously for the school reopening plans
- PTO report: EJ
 - Used uniform sale on July 22nd
- DEI committee:
 - Very active group
 - Subcommittees:
 - All the subcommittees have been meeting separately and action plans
 - Moving forward with training from the 4th Dimension (consultants)
 - We have to move from a working group to a committee
- Signage:
 - Outdoor dual language directional signs are almost finalized
- Fundraising
 - Will meet before the end of July
- Immersion:
 - AA will join in
- Search Committee:
 - ER: have several applicants for interims
 - Scale down to a smaller pool of people
 - Full time is being posted on several job sites and will continue to meet every other week with the search firm
 - National wide search
- Good of the school:
 - None
- Board officers elections
 - Secretary: (EA-1st and AA-2nd) nominated Alisa Moen
 - unanimously voted
 - Treasurer: (EA-1st and AM-2nd) nominated Rodrigo Torress
 - unanimously voted
 - Vice President: (VA-1st and AM- 2nd) nominated Anamaria Anagnostou
 - unanimously voted
 - President: (EA-1st and EJ-2nd) nominated Elias Rigas
 - unanimously voted
 - Vice President: (AA-1st and AM-2nd) nominated Erin Allard as a second VP
 - unanimously voted
- Greek program report: Marina Mattheoudakis
 - Three high school teachers participated in a workshop on oral proficiency



- Thalia Mythili – in June she became a Delaware recognized world language proficiency champion and that means that all OCS second language teachers are recognized as champions and OCS is eligible for DOE banner of champions.
- Nominating committee chairs:
 - DEI: (My-1st and EA-2nd) nominated EJ and HA as co-chairs of the DEI - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee
 - Unanimously voted
 - Immersion: EA – motioned to remove EA and RT as co-chairs and nominated AA and VC as the co-chairs
 - Unanimously voted
 - (EA-1st and EJ-2nd) motioned to add AA to the Search Committee
 - Unanimously voted
- Motion to adjourn
 - AA-1st and EA-2nd
- Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm