

# Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board

## Minutes

Date: July 19, 2017

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

Start Time: 7PM

**In Attendance:** Laura Thompson, George Hantzandreou, Tami Soltow, Dimitri Dandolos, Joe Wolcott, Abigail LeGrow, Michael Kirifides, Elias Rigas, Mike Klezaras, Nick Manolakos – Headmaster

**Absent:**

**Guests:** Karen Thorpe, Marin Matthaoudakis, Renee Beamer, Maryann Yaram

1. Call to Order 7:11 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Standard Order of Business
  - Introduction of Michael Klezaras new board member, George Righos will remain as non-voting member
  - Review and Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes
    - Minutes approved as corrected – Abigail 1<sup>st</sup>, George 2<sup>nd</sup> – all approved
  - Acknowledgement of Student/Staff Achievements
    - Through efforts with PTO, OCS won the Clean Streams Safe School Award again this year and earned a \$1,500 Grant
  - Monthly Financial Review
    - Year ending with about 2 million for next year
    - Web Report – Motion to approve Mike 1<sup>st</sup>, George 2<sup>nd</sup> – all approved
  - Budget Presentation
    - Draft of budget was reviewed last month but a lot of information is still unknown at the state level
    - Delay of vote was requested in lieu of need for more information
    - State budget bill did pass with large cuts to the schools
    - We still need per pupil values (this is being adjusted and will be different than the past) – we might not know until September
  - Early Childhood Education Center
    - Part of Bldg 27 would be for EEC, part for UD partnerships, and part for possible expansion of Academia Antonia Alonso
    - Reggio-inspired pedagogical approach is proposed for EEC as addition to campus community
    - Proposing a vote to approve a Foundation
    - Request for legal presentation called for next meeting
    - Motion to incorporate a Non-profit Entity, with the bylaws and purpose to be determined/approved by the board at a later date

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- Joe 1<sup>st</sup>, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tami and Laura opposed, 6 approved – passed (Executive Board will be engaged in the committee to establish the entity – others are invited)
- School Operations Update (Headmaster)
  - Thank you to Joe, Elias, Michael for serving in the school's first hearing meeting
  - Headmaster's evaluation will be presented in August
  - Moving 3<sup>rd</sup> grade up to the Middle School location and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade to the High School location
  - Exploring possibility of 1:1 technology program for high school students
  - Looking for assistance with reforming OCS website
  - Summer Camp took a trip to Pea Patch Island
- PTO report from Board Representative
  - Nothing to report
- Faculty report from Board Representative
  - Teachers providing 3 days of activities during the summer
  - Buses and Trucks going to DuPont to collect donated materials
  - Awarded Grant for Chemistry
  - Looking for donations from doctor's offices of posters and materials
- Strategic Plan Committee Reports
  - Capital Campaign Update
    - We need to raise \$400,000 by the end of this year to satisfy expectations of investors
    - Crystal Foundation gave OCS \$60,000
    - Other schools have asked parents to give \$500 and have asked teachers to donate to fund facilities – OCS plans to ask for funds from parents
  - World Class Employees Committee has met and is looking for a larger meeting in the future
- Greek Immersion program and Greek Program will be informed by Marina Mattheoudakis
- Unfinished Business
  - Transportation Update
    - Responses for 1170 students
    - We still have 490 parents who have not responded
    - Email [transportation@odyssey.k12.de.us](mailto:transportation@odyssey.k12.de.us) for information
    - Trip Spark is a GPS Parent App that will be used next year
  - Testing Data Review
    - Numbers are still embargoed
    - Performance in grades 3-8 looks consistent with past

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- Numbers for retention in transitional grades (5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup>)
  - 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> – retaining 92% of students
  - 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> – retaining approximately 55% of students
  - These numbers will be finalized in September
- New Business
- 4. Good of the School
- 5. Announcements/Public Comments
  - There will be a library in the lower school next year
- 6. Adjourn - Motion to adjourn George 1<sup>st</sup>, Tami 2<sup>nd</sup> – all approved 9:53 PM