



Odyssey Charter School

Nurturing a Lifelong Love of Learning

Public Board Meeting Minutes

Date – March 13, 2013

Location – Odyssey Upper School, Wilmington DE 19805

Members in Attendance: George Chambers - President
George Righos – Vice President
Mary Lou Strauss – Teacher Representative
Jen Ballas – PTO Representative
Kate Klemas – Parent-At-Large Representative
Chris Grivas
Dimitri Dandolo

Ex-Officio Member: Dr Nick Manolakos, Headmaster

Absent: Ted Nannas – Treasurer

Special Guests: Deborah Hanson, DOE
Anthony Bariglio, RE Representative
Larry Tarabicos, Attorney

Proceedings:

1. Meeting opened at 7:30pm and Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
2. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. January meeting minutes accepted by vote of the Board
 - b. February minutes to be read and approved at next meeting.
3. Treasurer's report
 - a. George Righos handed out financial report on behalf of the Treasurer
 - b. Income and expenses are on target for fiscal year end, reserve guideline of 6% is expected to be met.
4. School operations
 - a. Dr Manolakos provided updates on DCAST testing which started this week. Things are going as anticipated and goal is to meet or exceed all DE standards.
 - b. Greek Independence parade is scheduled for weekend of March 18 and buses have been booked. George R made note that the costs for bus transportation were donated by a friend of Odyssey!

- c. A teacher satisfaction survey was conducted and the key areas for further discussion were; compensation, school climate, and the educational component of the Odyssey Strategic Plan.
 - d. Year end trips for the students will be planned and Saturday morning coffees with Dr Manolakos for parent questions and discussion will continue.
 - e. School security training was conducted for faculty and additional offerings for student protection will be investigated.
5. For the Good of the School
- a. Strategic Planning session to be scheduled as early as possible in April.
 - b. Parent raised concerns with academic program of upcoming 6th Grade. More detail on academics, sports, music, gifted and talented would be beneficial. George Chambers requested that Dr Manolakos prepare a talking paper for distribution to parents highlighting the program for the 6th grade. Ms Hanson offered assistance from the DOE for Gifted and Talented.
 - c. Approximately 86 letters of intent have been received for enrollment into the 6th grade next year will require a minimum of 4 to 5 classes.
 - d. Modular expansion for Upper Elementary continues with verbal commitments but no formal written approvals yet. The added square footage will accommodate 2013/2014, but will fall short of total needs for 2014/2015 without the renewal of the Tabelaing lease.
6. Facilities report
- a. Motion to go into closed session to review acquisition options with Larry Tarabicos.
 - b. Motion seconded and approved, Board convened into Closed Session.
7. Meeting was adjourned from closed session at 9:30 pm.