

Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board – Minutes

Date: March 15, 2017

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

Start Time: 7PM

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

Guests: Riccardo Stoeckicht, Chrisi Lockwood, Sonny Casapulla, and Denise Parks

Agenda

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes
 - Motion to approve as written
 - Mike K 1st – Joe 2nd – all in favor
3. Acknowledgement of Student/Staff Achievements
 - Odyssey of the Mind – took 4th at Regionals
 - High School Cheerleaders came in 1st in state
 - Middle School Cheerleaders came in 3rd in state
4. Monthly Financial Review
 - Motion to approve
 - George H 1st - Mike K 2nd - all in favor
5. Transportation Presentation
 - Additional Questions need to be answered
 - What will be the size of the project?
 - All routes? Partial routes?
 - Current issues with the number of buses
 - On Friday afternoons the buses are especially overcrowded
 - 18 buses needed for total implementation
 - Phase in/stagger bus purchases over time to prevent total fleet replacement upon expiration
 - Should it be in-house or partnered with a vendor?
 - La Academia is included in the conversation
 - Possible vendor for partial capacity
 - Possible bus stacking
 - Maintenance and storage concerns
 - Proposed location for parking and fueling buses is 2 miles from OCS and would be leased
 - Possible vendor contracted for bus maintenance
 - Subcommittee will meet again and come to the board with final recommendations
6. Odyssey Athletics Association Presentation

- Sonny Casapulla – organization is about 2 years old
 - Money has been raised – 3 large-scale fundraising events
 - Golf Outing – next date on June 9th (Friday) (\$9,000 raised last year)
 - Beef and Beer – next date April 22 (@St. Anthony’s)
 - Looking for sponsors (forms available from Sonny)
 - Purchases
 - Wrestling Mats (\$8,200)
 - Goal
 - Baseball/Softball Field on campus
 - Transformers - removal (\$7,500 has been supplied by the organization – the school will pay for the rest)
 - Building the fields (Steve Gold – Blue Rocks – \$20,840, just for the fields)(\$10,000 for backstop fencing)
 - Do not have blue prints yet
 - More Questions
 - Need budget for athletics
 - Just purchased a few items
 - Currently strapped for cash and need support from the school
 - Would Pay-to-Play be a possibility?
 - Can expand the Booster Club to include board and parents to increase support and improve communication
 - Celebrations
 - Last year 38 eighth graders played athletics and this year 10 returned to OCS for 9th grade
 - Wrestling was undefeated
7. Technology Program Presentation
- Postponed to next month
8. School Operations Update (Headmaster)
- Coffee with Headmaster – next one on the 25th
 - Choice applications are strong
 - National Junior Honor Society Induction tomorrow
 - New attorney is working with the school regarding students with special needs
 - Room assignments are being considered for next year
 - Transportation and Cafeteria work groups
 - Addressing cultural issues with students
 - Recent professional development about trauma and self-care through Parent Information Center
 - Greek visitors at OCS from University of Thessaloniki
 - Kindergarten parents, when registering, are indicating interest in the immersion program

- Bus 12 has been running late often
 - Administrators are at the school until 5:00
 - Code of Conduct enforcement does not seem to be consistent
 - Next Board Meeting
 - April 26th
14. Potential Closed Session for Personnel Matters
- Joe 1st, George H 2nd
 - Return from Closed Session 10:00 George H 1st, Elias 2nd
15. Adjourn - Dimitri called for adjournment at 10:00