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 1^{st} Joe 2^{nd} 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)
 - \circ Coffee with Headmaster next one on the 25^{th}
 - Choice applications are strong
 - National Junior Honor Society Induction tomorrow
 - New attorney is working with the school regarding students with special

needs

- \circ $\$ Room assignments are being considered for next year
- \circ $\;$ 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

 \circ $\;$ Kindergarten parents, when registering, are indicating interest in the immersion program

■ Kindergarten Welcome night for parents who have accepted their invitations

- 9. Old Business/Committee Reports
 - University of Thessaloniki (70,000 students) February Visit
 - Partnership with University

■ Team of professors supporting partnership – 2 professors recently visited us

- Dean of Applied Theoretical Linguistics
- Expert in teaching mathematics in the classroom
- Recommendations
 - Program integration between Greek and English
- Partnership with University of Delaware to provide support to
- OCS
- Facilities Update
 - Small gym
 - Waiting for strong basketball backboards
 - Completion is within budget
 - Request from another charter school to provide meals
 - Opportunity for short-term lease for an organization that provides services for students with special needs
- Capital Campaign and AHEPA Fundraising
 - Received price for the large gym and looking for 2nd price for shell and core

■ Getting prices for flooring, bleachers, large portable stage, showers, locker rooms, science rooms, etc.

- Would like to build gym by 2018
- PTO report from Board Representative
 - Elections in May (nominations being taken until April's meeting)
- Faculty report from Board Representative
 - 2 days of conferences
 - End of Marking Period is next Thursday
 - Entering the testing period for the State
 - Planning End of Year Activities
- 10. Strategic Plan Committees
 - On our website the plan has been posted with an open invite to
 - everyone to become involved with the Strategic Plan Committees
 - Each committee should have met before the next board meeting
- 11. Greek Program
 - Educational Model Integration
 - Immersion Pilot
- 12. New Business
 - Policy issues for the board
 - Practices for the board and administration
- 13. Good of the School / Public Comments

- Bus 12 has been running late often
 - Administrators are at the school until 5:00
- \circ $\,$ Code of Conduct enforcement does not seem to be consistent
- Next Board Meeting
 - April 26th
- 14. Potential Closed Session for Personnel Matters
 - \circ 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