

# Minutes for Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Date: March 20, 2019

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

Start Time: 7:05 PM

Present: Laura Thompson, Joe Wolcott, , Dr. Michael Kirifides (Michael K), Tami Soltow, Mike Klezaras (Mike K), Elias Rigas, AnaMaria Anagnostou, Denise Parks – Head of School, Riccardo Stoeckicht – Campus Operating Officer

Absent: George Hantzandreou

## Agenda

1. Call to Order – 7:05 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Standard Order of Business
  - Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes
    - Motion to Approve minutes as amended (typographical errors) – Mike K 1<sup>st</sup>, AnaMaria2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor - approved
  - Acknowledgement of Student/Staff Achievements
    - Mrs. Stoume is co-chair with Ms. Brandt for Business Professionals of America (BPA)
      1. Students recognized:
        - a. Suveer Ganta –Took 4<sup>th</sup> Place, Personal Finance Management, has been a member of BPA for 3 years and has qualified for National Competition every year
        - b. Sai Kamila – Took 5<sup>th</sup> in Business Math Concepts and Open Event, it is noted that there were 174 competitors in this category
        - c. Nidhi Patel – Elected BPS State Secretary, has served as Vice President of OCS Chapter last year and is OCS BPA President this year
  - Public Comments
    - Maryann Yarram
  - Monthly Financial Review
    - Review of Financials
    - Improving on Cash Balance each year
    - Motion to approve January Web Report – Mike K 1<sup>st</sup>, AnaMaria 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor, approved
    - Motion to approve February Web Report as presented and to post to web site– AnaMaria 1<sup>st</sup>, Michael K 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor, approved
  - Head of School Report
    - Academics

1. Greek and Spanish Immersion Students and Teachers will work together tomorrow
  2. Ellinomatheia exams: apps are due 3/24
  3. College tours underway
  4. Students have participated in Legislative visits to discuss single use plastics ban
  5. STEM Fair tomorrow
- Professional Practice
    1. Looking for volunteers to host a child from Greece from April 24<sup>th</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup>
    2. Increased Walk-Throughs and Feedback
    3. High School Discipline
      - a. Referrals/FYIs are down 20% this year
      - b. Over 50 fewer referrals overall despite growth in number of students (Restorative Practices, Second Student Advisor, Maturation of Program)
  - Engagement
    1. Participation in Greek Independence Day activities
    2. Greece Spring Break Trip departs April 10: 37 Students and 6 Staff members
    3. Applications for Harvard University Center for Hellenic Studies are open for summer program
    4. Representative Sherry Dorsey Walker visited OCS
  - Enrollment, Staffing, Scheduling
    1. Choice window has closed and we are on track for our targets
- Campus Operations Officer Report
    - Facilities
      1. Elevator construction is progressing
      2. Wall mats are being installed in the Small Gym
    - Food Service
      1. Will begin summer feeding programs this year
      2. Will be open to community
    - IT
      1. Continuing cabling efforts
    - Expansions
      1. Planning for enrollment increases in the future
    - Transportation
      1. Proposal to purchase up to 4 new buses and 3 used buses.
      2. Motion to approve the financed purchase of up to 4 new A/C buses, and the purchase of 3 used buses to serve as school spare buses, subject to bank financing availability and that the overall school budget accommodates the proposed expenditures and

overall transportation budget for school year 2020 – Elias 1<sup>st</sup>, AnaMaria – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6 in favor, 1 opposed, motion passes

- Citizens Budget Oversight Committee (CBOC)
  - Paul Brooks sent report for Joe to read
    1. Open Meetings at 6:15 PM prior to most regularly scheduled Board meetings
    2. Teacher seat on CBOC will be filled
- PTO report from Board Representative
  - Nominations being taken for PTO positions
  - Book Fair currently happening with evening visits tomorrow night
  - April 13<sup>th</sup> – Guys in Ties and Girls in Pearls
  - April 26<sup>th</sup> – Bertucci's Family night (must bring flyer) OCS gets up to 25% of proceeds
  - 7 more families are needed to host students from Greece
  - Update on Internet Security presentation by Beau Biden foundation
    1. netsmartz.org and commonsensemedia.org are resources
- Faculty report from Board Representative
  - Read-a-Thon at OCS
  - Donate money at Donors Choose website
  - STEAM Fair tomorrow
  - Next Wednesday is SAT and PSAT day
  - Today was Storybook Character Day
- Unfinished business
  - None
- New Business
  - Report of Search Committee and potential recommendation
    1. Committee was made up of 2 teachers, 2 parents, Joe, Laura, and George
    2. Job descriptions were posted in a variety of locations as well indeed.com – resulted in approximately 28 applications
    3. Began meeting in January
    4. Held 8 interviews, 2 qualified applicants dropped out of the running, committee narrowed the choices down to 2 qualified applicants; consultants were considered and found to be economically and structurally nonviable
    5. Committee met Monday night to determine our recommendation but will not be giving recommendation tonight but will meet again to discuss recommendation further
  - Nominating Committee Report for the vacant Community-at-Large seat on the Board
    1. Elias, Tami, and AnaMaria are on committee
    2. Announcement closed on Friday

3. Interviews will be held with the hopes of presenting candidate(s) at the next Board meeting
  - Nominating Committee for potential Board positions
    1. Motion to activate a second nominating committee for the purpose of (1) making a recommendation to the Board regarding rotation off the Board pursuant to the Bylaws (2) accepting applications for and nominating candidates for consideration for the faculty, PTO, and parent seats on the Board and that Laura Thompson chair that committee and be given the discretion to fill that committee. – Mike K 1<sup>st</sup>, Tami 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor, approved
  - Parental Leave Policy
    - Motion to approve the Parental Leave Policy as amended, Mike K 1<sup>st</sup>, AnaMaria 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in Favor, approved
4. Good of the School
  - A check was provided to the school for \$45,000 from the Gala fundraising efforts in addition to checks that had been written out directly to Odyssey Charter School and provided at the Gala. Also, a check is on its way from Rudy Rudowski to support athletics at OCS. More funds are on the way.
5. Executive Session
  - Motion to move into Executive Session – Michael K 1<sup>st</sup>, Elias 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor, approved 9:49 PM
  - Return to public session – 10:57 PM
6. Adjourn
  - Motion to adjourn – Elias 1<sup>st</sup>, Mike K 2<sup>nd</sup>, All in favor, approved