

# Minutes for Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Date: May 15, 2019

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

Start Time: 7:02 PM

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

Absent: AnaMaria Anagnostou

## Agenda

1. Call to Order – 7:02 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Acknowledgement of Student/Staff Achievements
  - National History Day Competition – attending National Competition this year
  - Mr. Altmier created differentiated assignments to allow for National History Day
  - Lyric Wills won best individual performance for the State of Delaware and has been invited to Nationals in June and won the James Baker Award for African American History
  - OCS won the baseball game this evening
4. Executive Session
  - Discussion regarding collective bargaining and potential litigation – 29 *Del. C.* § 10004(b)(4)
  - Return to Public Session: 7:49 PM
5. Standard Order of Business
  - Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes
    - Motion to approve minutes 4-17-19, Mike K 1<sup>st</sup>, George 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, approved
    - Motion to approve minutes as amended 4-29-19, George 1<sup>st</sup>, Mike K 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, approved
  - President Update for formal review as indicated by DOE
    - We are awaiting information from DOE.
    - Formal review takes about 60 working days and could be about:
      1. Academic performance
      2. Financial viability/sustainability
      3. Organizational Framework
    - OCS will have Town Meetings after we have more details from DOE to provide the community an opportunity to ask questions
  - Public Comments
    - Maryann Yarram

- Katie Manley
- Monthly Financial Review
  - Motion to approve the monthly financial web report – Tami 1<sup>st</sup>, Mike K 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, approved
- Head of School Report
  - High School updates – Ashley Sorenson
    1. PSAT
      - a. PSAT 8/9 (taken by 9<sup>th</sup> grade students) OCS is earning about 100 points over the state average and are also above the national average
      - b. PSAT 10 scores are both above the state averages and English/Reading and Total score are both above National averages
    2. New Course Offerings SY 19-20
      - a. 15 new course offerings
  - Greek Program report
    1. 20 Greek students from Pierce College visited OCS family homes, OCS, and regional attractions – Officials from the school
    2. Harvard University Center for Hellenic Studies – student announced on Monday, staff will be Tessa LaNeve
    3. Kangaroo Math – 94 students competed in this Greek math and logic competition; preliminary results showed 27 students who will be awarded with prizes
    4. Ellinomatheia exams – OCS is an examination site – 77 candidates, 22 are OCS students
  - Professional Practice
    1. Tina Illiadis is the OCS Teacher of the Year
    2. Finalist for the State Drivers Ed Teacher of the Year – BJ Sturdivant
    3. Presidential Innovation Award for the Environmental Educators honorable mention: Matthew Sturdivant
    4. Harvard Club of Delaware/ Harvard Graduate School of Education Summer Program Scholarship
      - a. Amanda Horning, Jamie Gaughn, Renee Ickes, Stephanie Beckel
      - b. Kyriakoula Micha, Marina Mattheoudakis, Maria Mirtsopoulos, Hrysoula Davis, Maria Paraponiari
  - Engagement
    1. HB 130 passed in the House; OCSHS students testify on 6/5 to ban single-use carry out plastic bags
    2. Philadelphia Zoo Unless Contest winner of \$750 prize to support the pollinator garden
- Campus Operations Officer Report

- Will be postponed until next meeting
- Citizens Budget Oversight Committee (CBOC)
  - Postponed until next meeting
- Faculty report from Board Representative
  - Testing Season is still underway
  - Ronnie Gates – 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, her class helped support State Senators and Legislators to support HB 130
  - Number of teachers are getting their higher-level degrees
  - Teachers have requested details about formal review as available
  - The fifth grade ACE program under Amber Smith is supporting the My Duffel program for students entering foster care
  - Mrs. Sheehan took her classes to work in the pollinator gardens this morning
- PTO report from Board Representative
  - New executive members in place
- New Business
  - None
- 6. Good of the School
  - Nomination committee plans have been put on hold and will move forward after consultation with DOE
- 7. Motion to move into executive session – George 1<sup>st</sup>, Mike K 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:36 PM
- 8. Executive Session
  - Discussion regarding document excluded from the definition of “public record” - 29 *Del. C.* § 10004(b)(6)
- 9. Public Session –
  - Return to session at 9:05
- 10. Adjourn
  - Motion to adjourn – Tami 1<sup>st</sup>, Mike K 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, approved