



Meeting Minutes for Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Date: November 20, 2019

Location: OCS Lower School 2nd Floor Multipurpose Room

In Attendance: President Josiah Wolcott (JW), Treasurer George Hantzandreu (GH), Anamaria Anagnostou (AA), Elias Rigas (ER), Michael Kirifides (MK), Michael Klezaras Jr. (MKJ)

Late: Tami Soltow (TS) 9:05PM

Minutes Taken By: GH

Start Time: 7:04 PM

Agenda¹

1. Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Standard Order of Business

- Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes
 - Motion to approve October 16, 2019 Board Minutes: AA – 1st, MKJ – 2nd, All in Favor, Approved
- Acknowledgement of Student/Staff Achievements
 - The following students were recognized for passing the Ellinomatheia exam:
 1. Augusthy, Jaylani - 6th Grade
 2. Argudo-Rodriguez, Pamela -6th Grade
 3. Brooks, Joseph -6th Grade
 4. Corrado, Laura Grace-6th Grade
 5. Fauser, Sydney- 6th Grade
 6. Mackrell, Gabrielle -6th Grade
 7. Mendoza, Isabella -6th Grade
 8. Newton, Eleanor -6th Grade
 9. Papadopoulos, Markos -3rd Grade
 10. Papadopoulou, Roza-Niki -6th Grade
 11. Phillips, Alexandra Jean -6th Grade
 12. Potluri, Haasini- 6th Grade
 13. Sagiraju, Eesha - 6th Grade
 14. Tsakumis, Alexander – 6th Grade
 15. Veeragandham, Navya -6th Grade
 16. Saldivar, Quiroz Gael -6th Grade
 17. Sama, Devon-9th Grade
 18. Walder, Thomas - 6th Grade

¹ All agenda items are potential action items for which a vote may be taken.



CONGRATULATIONS!

- The following were recognized for their work in the Read-a-Thon:
 1. Olivia Chen, Top Reader (1,310 minutes)
 2. Kamryn Johnson, Top Fundraiser (29 sponsors, \$805)
- Joanne Laurent, Staff Member and Read-a-Thon Organizer, raised \$8,028 for school
- Public Comments
 - Joanne Laurent (Teacher) – talked about the Read-a-Thon and said Thanks!
 - Michael Roussos (Parent) – would like to join Facilities Committee. Concerned about cost overruns on Building 23
- Monthly Financial Review – Karen Thorpe (Attachments A, B, C)
 - Motion to approve Web Report (Attachment D): GH – 1st, MK – 2nd, All in Favor, Approved
- Head of School report – Denise Parks (Attachment E)
 - Social Media campaigned tailored towards 8th-graders to help with persuading them into our OCS High School
 - Request made by ER to DP to track interest between our FLES and Immersion programs for K-3 during School Choice. DP to report results monthly, starting in December 2020, and provide last year's numbers for comparisons
 - American Farm School Visit
 - Green Week
 - Harvest Dinner – Thank you to all the volunteers and everyone who attended and supported!
 - Congratulations to Melissa Tracy being recognized as Delaware's Social Studies Teacher of the Year! Good Luck at Nationals!
 - Greek Program report – Presented by Kyriakoula Micha (Attachment F)
 1. Congratulations to Hrysoula Davis for being elected as the Chair of the Modern Greek Special Interest Group for the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages.
 2. Khbrat Delaware Program – OCS participated in this for the first time. This is a teacher education project initiated by the University of Delaware and addressed to Saudi educators.
- Campus Operations Officer report – Riccardo Stoeckicht
 - Transportation
 1. Facebook Live went well and another one will be scheduled
 2. March/April 2020 timeframe to discuss moving away from current bus vendor and/or purchasing more buses
 - St. Thomas: Potential new Tenant to Occupy in January
 - La Academia: Interest in Building 27
 - Building 23 Construction update and financial input (Attachments G, H, I)
 1. Project was completed on time but with cost overruns of \$148,810



2. Recommendations from Board Members include:
 - a. Starting the process earlier
 - b. Getting more stakeholders involved (Board Members and Parents)
 - c. The Construction Management firm hired for future projects should come up with estimates and maintain the budget
 - d. The Board would like more time to review future proposals for construction work prior to voting on an approval
- Citizens Budget Oversight Committee report – Presented by Paul Brooks
 - Paul mentioned credit is due for the growth of the school – Budget has tripled since Paul has been involved with CBOC
- Faculty report from Board representative
- PTO report from Board representative – Presented by MKJ
 - \$11K worth of books from Scholastic Book Fairs were brought in
 - Trunk or Treat was a success
 - Turkey Trot – Obstacle course scheduled for Thanksgiving Week
- Compliance Committee Report – Presented by ER
 - Good work done by all volunteers
 - Revamping Bu-laws to meet DOE regulations
 - Final version to vote at December meeting
- Nominating Committee Report – Presented by ER
 - 2 vacant positions (Parent and Community At-Large Reps)
 - Has nominated 2 members for each open position
 - Board will review and vote on potential new members at a special Board meeting on 12/3 at 5pm.
- New Business
 - Discussion of 2019-2020 Class Size Waiver: Motion for the Board to waive subsection (a) of Section 1705 of Title 14, of the Delaware Code, in order to balance enrollment in higher grades: MKJ – 1st, ER – 2nd, All in Favor, Approved.
 - Discussion of Out-of-State Travel Request: Motion to approve out-of-state travel, as requested by Head of School, as of 11/20/19: GH – 1st, AA – 2nd, All in Favor, Approved.
 1. Philadelphia, PA: Kimmel Center Open Rehearsal (9-12 Band) 11/21/19
 2. Philadelphia, PA: Lincoln Financial Field STEM Visit (6th Grade) 11/21/19
 3. Philadelphia, PA: Constitution Center (7th Grade) 11/26/19
 4. Hershey, PA: Surgery Viewing (12th Gr Anatomy & Physiology) 12/5/19
 5. Washington DC: Newseum (7th Grade Honors ELA) 12/11/19
 6. Kennett Square, PA: Longwood Gardens (9-12 Art) 12/19/19
 7. Hershey, PA: Model UN (9-12) 1/3/20-1/5/20
 8. Athens, Greece: Pierce College Exchange (9-11) 4/5/20-4/12/20
 9. Rising Sun, MD: Plumpton Park Zoo (K-2 Immersion) 4/7/20



10. Germany & Switzerland: EF Tour (9-12) 4/8/20-4/17/20
11. Philadelphia, PA: Philadelphia Zoo (4th Grade) 5/22/20
12. Washington DC: National Monument, Museums (5th Grade) 6/2/20

4. Good of the School

- JW discussed the next steps for the CSAC recommendations and important dates coming up
 - Initial Meeting with CSAC on 10/29. Responses to CSAC questions need to be submitted by Friday, 11/22
 - 11/13 – Public Comments session at New Castle Library. Good turnout and great supportive comments for OCS by the Public
 - 12/2 – Next CSAC meeting
 - 12/15 – Investigative Audit to be turned in
 - 12/19 – DOE to vote on renewal

5. Executive Session – Motion to go into Executive Session at 9:59pm: GH – 1st, MKJ – 2nd, All in Favor, Approved

- Discussion of potential real estate transaction – 29 Del. C. § 10004(b)(2)
- Discussion regarding qualifications for job or personnel matters – 29 Del. C. §§ 10004(b)(1) & (b)(9)
- Motion to come out of Executive Session at 11:18pm: GH – 1st, AA – 2nd, All in Favor, Approved

6. Adjourn – Motion at 11:19pm: MKL – 1st, AA – 2nd, All in Favor, Approved