

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 Hantzandreou (GH), Anamaria Anagnostou (AA),

Elias Rigas (ER), Michael Kirifides (MK), Michael Klezaras Jr. (MKJ)

Late: Tami Soltow (TS) 9:05PM

Minutes Taken By: GH

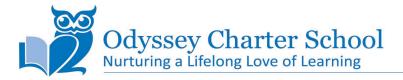
Start Time: 7:04 PM

Agenda¹

1. Call to Order

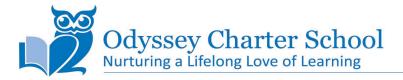
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Standard Order of Business
 - Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes
 - \circ Motion to approve October 16, 2019 Board Minutes: AA 1st, MKJ 2nd, All in Favor, Approved
 - Acknowledgement of Student/Staff Achievements
 - The following students were recognized for passing 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

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

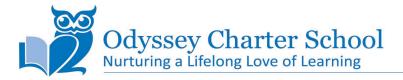


CONGRATULATIONS!

- 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)
- o Joanne Laurent, Staff Member and Read-a-Thon Organizer, raised \$8,028 for school
- Public Comments
 - o 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)
 - \circ 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
 - o American Farm School Visit
 - o 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)
 - 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
 - o St. Thomas: Potential new Tenant to Occupy in January
 - o La Academia: Interest in Building 27
 - o Building 23 Construction update and financial input (Attachments G. H, I)
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- 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
 - o \$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
 - o Revamping Bu-laws to meet DOE regulations
 - o Final version to vote at December meeting
- Nominating Committee Report Presented by ER
 - 2 vacant positions (Parent and Community At-Large Reps)
 - o 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.
 - \circ 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 Building #20, Barley Mill Plaza



- 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
 - o Initial Meeting with CSAC on 10/29. Responses to CSAC questions need to be submitted by Friday, 11/22
 - \circ 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