

Minutes for Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Date: September 25, 2018

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

Start Time: 7:00 PM

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

Absent: None

Agenda

1. Call to Order – 7:06 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Standard Order of Business
 - Approval of Previous Meeting’s Minutes
 - Approved as amended – Dr Mike 1st, Abigail 2nd, all in agreement - approved
 - Acknowledgement of Student/Staff Achievements
 - Several students were recognized for earning college credit through achievements on the AP Human Geography Exam
 1. Julian Tingey
 2. Cole Shorter
 3. Jordan West
 4. Nellie Levitisky
 5. Jenna Yost
 - Several students were recognized for earning a Certificate of Attainment in Greek on Ellinomatheia exams
 1. Amleto Antenucci
 2. Reuben Busick-Whie
 3. Mia Carini
 4. Adelaide Etshman
 5. Grade Moore
 6. Victoria Phillips
 7. Ivy Catherine Qualls
 - Maria Paraponiari, a teacher at Odyssey Charter School, was recognized for attaining 1st place in ACTFL 2018 Summer Professional Development Competition. This recognition is 1st in the United States.
 - A presentation by Mr. Altmeier, OCS social studies teacher, and current 11th grade student, Olisa Devaja, detailed their visit to Greece this summer to participate with Harvard University and The Center for Hellenic Studies. Mr. Altmeier earned the spot as escort to Greece and Olisa won

her position for the summer studies through essay competition and application.

- Monthly Financial Review
 - Motion to approve the web financial report – Elias 1st, George H. 2nd, all in favor - approved
- Head of School Report
 - OCS was recognized as People’s Choice for the Best Public School in Delaware
 - Sweet 16 Instructional Strategies explored in Professional Development
 - Department Heads met to set goals
 - Purchasing Process is being defined
 - New Extracurricular Programming
 1. Color Guard
 2. Parade Band
 3. Strings Program (Grades 4 and up)
 4. Archery
 5. Running Club
- Campus Operations Officer Report
 - Facilities Report from Jon Stewart
 - Further information provided by Riccardo to address issues raised about the elevator installation delay
 - School Operations and Technology – computer updates and technology installations in new classrooms; IT specialists hired to install campus cameras and handle other technological issues
 - Food Service report from Kim Wolanski
 - Transportation report from Evan Winokur
 1. Addressed over-crowding on buses
 2. Possible activity bus for students in grades 7-11 who participate in sports
 3. Motion for administration to purchase 2 buses; not to exceed \$190,000 with similar terms and conditions to previous purchases – George H. 1st, Mike 2nd; discussion; all in favor; approved
 - a. Kelly Roberts
 - b. Stacy Abrams
 - Annual Audit is being prepared
 1. Motion to have the Treasurer review and authorize the draft audit to be released to the Department of Education, Elias 1st, Abigail 2nd, all in favor, approved
- Public Comments
 - Outside the door will be a sign-up sheet to provide Public Comment
 - Each comment will be limited to 3 minutes with a total of 15 minutes
 - Comments:
 1. Jen Balas

2. Ryan Connell
 3. Lee Daney
 4. Kelly Roberts
 5. Katey Manley
 6. Peter Svahn
 7. Louse Antenucci
 8. Dr. Marina
- PTO report from Board Representative
 - PTO contributions to OCS were recognized and upcoming events were discussed
 - Faculty report from Board Representative
 - Greek rooms for Math and Language have opened
 - Natalie Wagner raised money for Chromebooks through Donors Choose
 - 6-8th Science Curriculum is new
 - Check out Twitter to see positive classroom happening
 - Petition for Bargaining Unit has been raised
 - Strategic Plan Committee Reports
 - Education Model is trying to establish a common time for meeting
 - World Class Employee Committee meeting was held on August 30th during school hours to allow for staff attendance
 - Unfinished Business
 - Transportation update – addressed previously in agenda
 - New Business
 - Report and possible recommendation from Succession Committee
 1. Met last week on Monday at 5:30 PM
 2. Considered short-, mid-, and long-term needs
 3. Succession Committee is not making a recommendation about creating a position or hiring consultants or reallocating resources
 4. Next meeting date will be determined
 - Discussion of FOIA policy
 1. Freedom of Information Act Rules and Regulations
 2. Need FOIA policy
 3. Policy will be reviewed and voted upon at the next meeting
 - Discussion of conflict of interest policy
 1. Policy will be reviewed and voted upon at the next meeting
 - Discussion of potential amendments to bylaws
 1. The Board establishes a bylaw committee – Abigail, Elias, Dr. Kerifides, and Tami Saltow will work on the committee
4. Good of the School
 - George H – AHEPA 5K is happening on Saturday and money raised goes directly to the school. Registration at 9:00 AM and races begins at 10:00 AM
 - Mike – August AHEPA meeting had a report about AHEPA convention, Olisa’s participation in Harvard and Center for Hellenic Studies in Greece, Dr. Marina’s

award; Committee for Public Awareness Committee for sharing of information about

5. Executive Session – Motion to enter Executive Session – Elias 1st, Geroge H 2nd, all in favor, approved 10:45 PM
 - Discussion with counsel regarding potential litigation – 29 Del. C. § 10004(b)(4)
 - Discussion of potential real estate transaction - 29 Del. C. § 10004(b)(2)
6. Return to public session 11:42 PM
 - In the matter of Student 1804, motion to approve proposed settlement agreement as discussed in executive session. Michael K 1st, Mike K. 2nd, all in favor, approved
7. Adjourn
 - Motion to adjourn Abigail 1st, George 2nd, all in favor approved 11:44 PM