



Minutes for Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Date: May 19, 2021

Location: Odyssey Cafeteria and Teleconference

Start Time: Public Meeting at 6:00 PM (live and via zoom, see below invite)

Attendance: President Elias Rigas (ER), Vice President Anamaria Anagnostou (AA), Vice President Erin Allard (EA), Treasurer Rodrigo Torres, (RT), Paul Brooks (PB), Valerie Caras (VC), Helen Anderson (HA), Eva Jannelli (EJ), Georgia Halakos (GH), Maryann Yarram (MY)

Agenda¹

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Standard Order of Business
 - Public Comments Val Caras
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 - Head of School Report, Elias Pappas - 90 Day Plan
 - Covid update – on-site testing will continue to be available
 - Children 12 and older are approved for vaccination
 - Since returning we have had 3 positive cases found in testing
 - More than 60% of the staff have completed both vaccinations.
 - Lower School – Green team is hosting outdoor events.
 - Intermediate School – A safe field day and picnic are coming.
 - Middle School – Movie night was a successful and safe event
 - High School - 114 students are in-school 4 days a week.
 - Close to 60% of our students are back in-person
 - Fundraising – the Flagpole Fundraising. The goal is to raise over \$80,000. The first pair of flagpoles are up, in front of building 21. Please encourage your friends, family, and now local businesses to get involved in supporting OCS.
 - Culture Focus – A parent education series will move to the fall, and throughout the year. These will cover an array of topics.
 - Graduation details, times and schedules were provided.
 - High School Update – College applications submitted by our seniors, 193, with 71% applying to at least 1 school. Merit scholarships of over \$1.4 million has been offered to 33% of our students. 106 acceptances in 13 states.

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



- Varsity Track team made us proud in the county track championships. Personal records were set by 8 runners, our 4x200 team placed 6th, Arianna Donovan placed 5th in the 100M, Alexis Donovan placed 3rd in the 100M and earned All County honors.
- Varsity Baseball – Four of our athletes received Honorable Mention to the All Non-Conference team
- Middle School
 - Business Professional of America National Leadership Conference was held
 - a. Our students did exceptionally well, placing in a number of categories and skills competitions.
 - School Priorities
 - Our projected enrollment for next year will be 2,000.
 - The updated policy for homeless and foster youth will be presented later.
 - Transportation
 - Summer routes have been finalized
 - We are continue working on carpool line management and flow.
 - New families will get transportation communications shortly.
- Greek Program - Dr. Marina Mattheoudakis
 - Our high school student, Amalia Castillo, has been selected to participate in the Center for Hellenic Studies Harvard in Athens summer program. She is the only US student selected to participate. Due to Covid restrictions this year is will be online.
 - Eva Jannelli and Maria Paraponiari completed EdTPA which is a requirement for their teaching certification (ARTC)
 - 55 2nd – 4th graders will compete in Kangaroo Math a Greek math competition
 - The new immersion teachers were named for the next school year.
- Financial Review – Jeff Koss
 - Details regarding ESR III projection, and how we differentiate this restricted funding in the budget going forward
 - April monthly report presented
 - **Motion** to approve monthly report as presented. AA 1st and PB 2nd
 - Approved unanimously



- Transportation department has revised the bus route deployment plan for next year, which would result in a net savings from reduced reliance on 1st Student.
 - Evan Winokur explained due to the change in start times of the morning, so we can double route our busses. We can remove seats from the rear of a bus for a branded athletic bus. This would require the purchase of 2 used buses. Looking for spending authority for \$65k for 2 used busses, (1 new busses are \$125k)
 - **Motion** to approve authorization of \$65,000 for the purchase of 2 used busses. PB 1st and AA 2nd
 - a. Approved unanimously
 - Karen Thorpe will fill-in for Jeff Koss following the birth of his 5th child this summer
- CBOC – Evan Winokur
 - No report this evening
- 4. Committee Reports
 - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion - Eva Jannelli
 - No meeting since the last board meeting
 - Board training with 4th Dimension was May 5th and again later this month.
 - Principle EI will be our keynote speaker for High School graduation.
 - The food pantry remains open, don't hesitate to reach out
 - Immersion - Anamaria Anagnostou
 - New Greek teachers will help with the expansion.
 - Working on graduation ceremonies
 - Fundraising – Georgia Halakos
 - We are continuing to build our development system.
 - PTO Report –
 - Bingo night this Saturday
- 5. New Business
 - Homeless and foster policy, to ensure we are properly addressing these special needs. This is a standard policy that all schools have.
 - Motion – To approve the homeless and foster policy as written, AA 1st, HA 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
 - Board by-law updates will be posted for review. These cover the removal of the Campus Operations Office, correcting grammar, and changing board officer term limits.
- 6. Good of the school
 - Elias Pappas read a letter praising our performance during a tour of our “model charter school” by the Secretary of Education, Susan Bunting.



7. Motion to move to Executive Session AA 1st and VC 2nd 6:50PM
 - Potential Executive Session topics
 - Discussion of potential real estate transaction – 29 Del. C. § 10004(b)(2)
 - Discussion regarding qualifications for job – 29 Del. C. § 10004(b)(1)
 - Discussion regarding potential litigation – 29 Del. C. § 10004(b)(4)
8. Return to Public Session 7:51PM
9. Adjourn HA 1st and PB 2nd
 - 7:51PM

NOTE: These Agenda Items may not be considered in sequence. Pursuant to 29 Del. C. § 10004(e)(2), this Agenda may be changed to include additional items, including executive sessions, or to delete items that arise at the time of the meeting.

Initial Agenda Posted: May 12, 2021 at www.odysseycharterschooldel.com/

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