

Minutes for Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Date: October 21, 2021

Location: Odyssey Conference Room 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), Treasurer Erin Allard (EA), Recording Secretary Ken Przywara (KP), Corresponding Secretary Maryann Yarram (MY), Paul Brooks (PB), Valerie Caras (VC), Helen Anderson (HA), Eva Jannelli (EJ), Georgia Halakos (GH)

Agenda¹

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Standard Order of Business
 - Previous minutes September 15th presented
 - Previous minutes September 29th presented
 - **Motion** to Approve minutes as presented EA 1st and HA 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
 - Previous minutes July 14th presented
 - **Motion** to Approve minutes as presented MY 1st and EA 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
 - Head of School Report, Elias Pappas
 - Covid update –
 - Odyssey Charter Covid Dashboard presented as of 10/20
 - a. Mitigating strategies are proving to be successful
 - b. Testing is now every other week
 - c. Dashboard updates will be weekly
 - Campus totals YTD 59 positives, 25 positives found with campus testing
 - We are delivering live instruction to quarantined students on a case-by-case basis. Reach out to your building leaders for details.
 - There are built in times for teachers to work with students as determined by that student's instructional needs, it is case-by-case basis
 - Vaccination and testing protocols from the DHSS will be implemented
 - Fundraising – the Flagpole Fundraising. The funds from this fundraiser have been allocated to create the flagpole courtyard, new signs on the 4 buildings, new field branding, new recess equipment, a new scoreboard, and bleachers. We have committed \$55k with a goal of \$80k.
 - Culture Focus – A parent education session on equitable grading is planned for November, posted on our new community Facebook dashboard.

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



- Food Service – Providing nourishing meals for 1,400 students per day. We are looking to expand our kitchen to meet our growing needs.
- PTO Book Fair is going on now
- IT – Tech devices are being deployed as they arrive. The next order has been placed.
- Branding – 2 billboards are coming soon.

- **Lower School** – First field trip in almost 2 years. Character parade this month. Conference have begun. Red Ribbon Drug Free School Campaign is this month.

- **Intermediate School** – Field trips to Wilmington Western Railroad and Kalmar Nyckel. The later filmed by WABC Philly. Another to Ashland Nature Center is planned. Story Book Character Parade this month.

- **Middle School** – Upcoming events include: field trip to Ramsey Farms, Oxi Day, Homecoming week, movie under the stars, and an open house mingle.

- **High School** – Homecoming Week 1025-29. Soccer game, volleyball game and Bala (flag football), pep rally, homecoming dance, and bonfire during trunk-or-treat. College application season is upon us. School choice open house and also plans for the 8th grader to visit. An Academic Fair will be Saturday November 20th. Student council elections are this month.

- Curriculum update – We are looking to get the results from DIBELS, STAR, and PSAT to set goals for our students. We added an instructional coach, so each school now has a resource for curriculum, assessment, and instruction.
- Enrollment – Our official enrollment for this year is 1988.
- Calendar Update – Due to staffing challenges we would like to close on Nov 12th. We would also like to have an asynchronous day on 11/1, with free child care for our families. We would like to have an asynchronous day on 3/18/21, with free child care for our families. These two days will give staff and students a chance to recharge and catch up.
- Transportation – We hired 2 new drivers, enabling us to take over bus route 6, and will take over route 11. Looking to add another 2 busses this year.
- Student services – New ELL Coordinator to help expand support
- Special Education – Prong Two audit was 100%, and implementing a problem solving team



- Financial Review – Jeff Koss
 - Monthly finance report
 - Preliminary budget revenues of \$37,808,731, with 65% collected
 - Audit “meets expectations” for all categories
 - Charters are looking at tuition billing for districts
 - **Motion** to approve monthly budget report as presented. EA 1st and AA 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
- Greek Program – Eve Jannelli
 - OCS Student sat for the higher level of the Ellinomatheia Exams for the first time. Middle school students and teacher will collaborate with student in Pierce College, and American College in Greece, to work on international projects.
- CBOC – Jeff Koss
 - Brief meeting yesterday, looking for more parent involvement

4. Committee Reports

- Fundraising – Maryann Yarram
 - Met this week and will work on fundraising priorities, next meeting 11/15 4:15.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Helen Anderson
 - We have staff in training in the EPP program.
 - First meeting will be in November to hit the ground running.
- Immersion – Annamarie Anagnostou
 - No report this evening
- Finance – Erin Alder
 - We will schedule our first meeting next month; we are looking for volunteers.
- Non-AHEPA committee is meeting to fill the vacancy
- PTO Report – Kaija Miller
 - Book Fair wraps up tomorrow, with expected profits of \$4,500. Lollipop sales bought 45+ books for kids in need.
 - Fed the teachers during the conference days
 - Joe Corbi flyers are coming
 - Dress down day to collect candy and money for Trunk-or-Treat
 - November Academic Fair – raffle baskets
 - Turkey Trot details will be coming too
 - Designer Bag Bingo coming soon
 - Holiday Shop in December
 - Dress Down Day in December for a small toy. Toys for orphagnages, Salvation Army and families in needs.



- New Business
 - **Motion** to close school on Nov 12th, have asynchronous days on 11/1 and 3/18/21.
KP 1st and AA 2nd
 - Approved unanimously
 - Reminder that all field trips or travel out of state need to be brought before the board as directed by the DOE
- 5. Good of the school
 - Nothing
- 6. Motion to move to Executive Session KP 1st and EA 2nd 7:10PM
 - 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)
- 7. Adjourn KP 1st and EA 2nd
 - 8:00 PM

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: October 10, 2021 at www.odysseycharterschooldel.com/

Odyssey Zoom is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: OCS Monthly Board Meeting - Public Session

Time: October 21, 2020 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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