



	Date: 10/21/2021
Meeting: October Monthly Board Meeting	Facilitator: Elias Pappas

Our VISION: Open as many doors as possible for our students once they matriculate through our program.
Our MISSION: The Mission of Odyssey Charter School is to prepare students for a lifelong enthusiasm for learning, develop a keen awareness of world citizenship and culture and establish critical thinking and problem-solving proficiency through the added learning of the Modern Greek language and Mathematics focus.
Our CORE VALUES: Aien Aristeuein.

School Site Priorities: What goals are we focusing on? What data do we have to support this goal (the next 4-6 weeks)?

School Site Goal #1	Logistics, hiring, transportation remedies
School Site Goal #2	COVID Mitigation, Vaccination Updates
School Site Goal #3	Fundraising 2.0, facilities updates
School Site Goal #4	Focus on visual branding, universal branding

Part 2 COVID Updates			
Update 1 COVID UPDATES	Positive Cases, Year to Date:	Please DO NOT send children to school ill. Nursing offices are seeing a high influx of ill children on campus. Students are being sent to school ill. Please remember to keep children home when they are not feeling well.	Most recent Governor Carney Executive Order
<p>Part 2 COVID Updates</p>	<p>Lower School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 10 positive cases ● 1 positive case on campus testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 0/1 confirmed on follow-up PCR <p>Intermediated School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 16 positive cases ● 9 positive cases on campus testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 5/9 confirmed on follow-up PCR <p>Middle School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 28 positive cases ● 14 positive cases on campus testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 13/14 confirmed on follow-up PCR <p>High School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 5 positive cases ● 1 positive case on campus testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1/1 confirmed on follow-up PCR <p>Campus Totals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 59 positive cases ● 25 positive cases on campus testing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 19/25 confirmed on follow-up PCR <p>Testing: Delaware Public Health is partnering with Quidel to offer testing in Delaware Schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Quidel is completing / running testing on children that have consent 2 times per month. Quidel is on campus each week and alternates buildings tested. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ High School/ Lower School ○ Middle School/ Intermediate School 	<p>Vaccination is highly recommended to fight the spread of COVID.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Vaccination for 5 and older should be available in the next few weeks <p>Odyssey Charter SY2021-2022 COVID Dashboard</p> <p>Odyssey Charter School Dashboard is up and running. This has been active for a few weeks. Dashboard is updated each Thursday. Weekly counts are from Thursday to the following Wednesday. This allows us to provide the most up to date information each school week.</p>	<p>https://governor.delaware.gov/health-soe/</p> <p>Delaware Update for Schools & Students https://www.doe.k12.de.us/Page/4242</p> <p>Odyssey Charter Dashboard SY 2021.2022</p> <p>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ikDfNFHfc9qbHpXzul57jzpxCDDb5VeIY4ey9t-FezQ/edit?usp=sharing</p> <p>Mitigation strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Use of masks consistently ● The practice of keeping classrooms clean ● Using purified air ● Utilizing outdoor space when possible both for lunch and during class time (outdoor courtyard tent) ● COVID Testing on campus <p>Quidel Information: https://ir.quidel.com/news/news-release-details/2021/State-of-Delaware-Selects-Quidel-for-COVID-19-Testing-Program-at-Schools/default.aspx</p>

**COVID Updates
Part 3**

- Odyssey has created specific virtual teaching models to deliver live instruction for students who may be quarantined. This is particularly important for students who are close contacts and have no symptoms. The program will offer daily live instruction from our highly qualified teachers. Please look out for communication in the Thursday Throwdowns regarding the specifics of the program at your level as it is adapted to suit the needs of your students in their particular grade levels. The program is set to launch next week.
- We are looking to add more substitute teachers to our team so we could expand our virtual option if/when it is needed. We are reaching out to our community for help. If you know any retired teachers or folks who may be interested in assisting, please reach out to our HR Department at renee.beamer@odyssey.k12.de.us for more information

Vaccination and Testing Mandate:

Per the [DHSS emergency secretary's order](#), the school plans to implement the mandated vaccinations and testing protocols put forth by the state. The school will provide the procedures, forms and FAQs prior to the November 1st implementation date. Odyssey plans to employ an attestation approach

	<p>coupled with monthly audits to safeguard the health of our employees and their families, our students and visitors and the community at large that may be reduced by vaccination and testing. This also ensures compliance with the state's order.</p>		
<p>Flagpole initiative and fundraising updates</p>	<p>The buy a brick flagpole fundraiser will officially relaunch in the coming days! Our first plaza with bricks is set for installation later this quarter. The goal is to raise upwards of \$80,000. We continue to encourage everyone to take advantage of this unique opportunity to be a permanent part of Odyssey's history! Please share the information with friends, families, and local businesses who could take advantage of a wonderful advertising opportunity! A courtyard with a bench is being planned for the flagpole around building 21 as a summer/early fall project.</p> <p>Buy a Brick Flagpole Fundraiser</p>	<p>Thus far, we have raised over \$30,000. The money has been used to create the flagpole courtyard in building 21, the new signs on all four buildings, the new branding on our fields, and we have also ordered a scoreboard for the field and new bleachers. Additionally we have purchased new recess equipment for the lower school that will be installed in the coming weeks. To date we have committed almost \$55,000 of the \$80,000 projected for the bricks. Please continue to support our brick fundraiser so we can continue the campus improvements! Go Owls!!</p>	
<p>Culture Focus</p>	<p>Parents will have opportunities to learn about Restorative practices in parenting, equity practices, SEL education, mental health, and various topics pertaining to the needs of our 21st century learners. Our first parent event is coming in November and it is regarding equitable grading. A post on our new community Facebook dashboard on October 14 provides a quick preview to our focus.</p> <p>We have created a set of four goals with action steps during our OSC Envisioning session that we can use as a springboard to create our plan for the fall.</p> <p>Proposed Goals</p>	<p>Food Services: feeding over 1400 students per day. This is the largest our program has ever been. We are looking to expand our kitchen in order to meet the growing needs. We would like to order some new high efficiency ovens to help with our kitchen needs. Our development team is looking for community members who would like to donate to the school.</p> <p>Transportation: Daily bussing of kids with activity bus stop</p>	<p>The PTO is working to launch the students store for the fall, and offer a larger variety of swag that aligns with the uniform policy.</p>

		<p>Facilities: COVID 19 cleaning, installation of bleachers and scoreboard, formation of new offices for support staff in Building 21.</p> <p>IT: formatting all new chromebooks (which includes a new shipment of 150 within the last month), online library launched, schoology rollover and update, moving lower school to home access center</p> <p>Marketing: Voted top public school in Northern Delaware by 2021 First State favorites, billboards coming in the next couple of weeks on major highways, direct mail campaign, academic fair, step up days all in the planning/logistics phase</p>	
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<p>Building Level Updates</p>	<p>Lower School: We are ecstatic to slowly be returning to a more normal school year! October is full of exciting learning activities, including: Our first off-campus field trip in almost 2 years, and our Red Ribbon Drug Free School Campaign at the end of October. We will also be opening up our grounds to families to watch our Character Day Parade at the end of October (Check our Weekly Parent Communication for information about all October events). We look forward to seeing you at parent-teacher Conferences!</p> <p>Intermediate School: We are rocking and rolling at the Intermediate School! October is full of events. Our first field trips took off. ½ of 5th Grade went to the Kalmar Nyckel and was filmed by 6ABC! 3rd grade went to the Wilmington Western Railroad. 4th grade is looking forward to heading to Ashland! All grades got to see a Fire Safety Presentation organized by Ms. Bruno. The IS will be doing Red Ribbon Week (events are attached in the Parent Communication). We are rounding out October with the Storybook Character Parade. Come celebrate with us on the field from 9:45-10:15!</p> <p>Middle School: The middle school is in full swing with many upcoming activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 8th grade field trip to Ramsey Farm on 10/28. 	<p>High School: See below</p>	<p>Curriculum: Beginning of the year testing is complete!</p> <p>Our K-3 students completed their DIBELS assessment which is a set of procedures and measures used for assessing the acquisition of literacy skills.</p> <p>Grade 1 students completed their STAR Math testing. Grades 2-8 completed the STAR Math and ELA testing.</p> <p>High school also successfully completed their SATs/PSATs on October 13th.</p> <p>We are looking forward to analyzing the results of all beginning of the year testing to best support our students and their needs.</p> <p>Another Instructional Coach has been added so each of our 4 schools now has a curriculum, assessment and instruction coordinator for the first time in the school's history, allowing us to begin to provide the highest quality support to our teachers and support the best possible learning environment for our kids.</p>
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HS Updates	<p>HS</p> <p>Many, many activities going on in the HS! Homecoming Week will be held October 25-29th, 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● October 26th - Homecoming Soccer Game on our field at 3:30pm and Odyssey Bala (Flag Football) directly after. ● October 28th - Homecoming Pep Rally for HS Students, and Homecoming Volleyball Game! ● October 29th - Homecoming Dance, 7-10 pm at the Edge 18 in Middletown. Tickets are on sale Mon. 10/18-Thurs. 10/28. ● October 30th - Homecoming Bonfire on the softball diamond from 5:30pm-7:30pm during Trunk or Treat. 8th Graders are welcome to attend this event as well! <p>College Application Week coincides with Homecoming Week this year! During this week we will be offering supported</p>	<p>School Choice - HS</p> <p>We launched our School Choice campaign for the 22-23 SY with our first Open House on Saturday, October 9th. We had families in attendance from both OCS and outside middle schools, and they had tremendous positive feedback for our students and staff!</p> <p>All 8th Grade students will visit the HS during HS Homecoming Week. They will come by homeroom and participate in an activity, along with meeting staff and students!</p> <p>We are also in the process of planning Step Up days for our current 8th grade students to experience life at OCHS.</p> <p>Interested in learning more about OCHS? We will be welcoming families and students at our Academic Fair on Saturday, November 20th from 9am-3pm. Come see us in the HS!</p>	<p>Recognitions - HS</p> <p>Our HS Student Council elections are in full swing and we will be recognizing our new officers at our next meeting! Students are running for their class councils and voting occurs this month with the results announced during Homecoming week!</p> <p>We also want to recognize the students who completed the Ellinomatheia Exams at the High School this year. Their results are still pending, but we are proud of the HS students who participated in the exams, and grateful to Kyriakoula Micha for coordinating, along with our Greek staff for proctoring these exams!</p>

	<p>times to our seniors to complete college applications during the school day!</p> <p>We are currently enrolling students for our next Greece Trip through EF Tours in 2023. This trip mirrors the trip taken in 2019 and will be led by Ms. Jessica Inskeep!</p>		
<p>Update on school priorities</p>	<p>Enrollment: Our official enrollment for this year is 1988 students with 2020’s enrollment data indicating 1926 students. Thank you very much to our enrollment team, particularly Tracie Principe, for all the efforts to meet our enrollment target of 1986. I would also like to thank our teachers and operations team for their flexibility and patience as we progressed through all the unknowns of a post covid enrollment process.</p> <p>Calendar Update Proposals: Currently, Friday November 12, which is the day after Veteran’s Day is a regular school day. Due to the enormous struggles with staffing, particularly subs, cafeterias, and busses, we are very concerned we will be unable to operate in a safe and meaningful way. As such, and in order to allow proper planning time for families, Odyssey is proposing for the school to be closed on Friday, November 12th.</p> <p>Similarly, and in recognition of the many challenges associated with the opening of our school after 500 plus days, we are opting for an asynchronous day for November 1st. With our homecoming Friday, Trunk or Treat and high school bonfire on Saturday, Halloween/Harvest celebrations on Sunday,</p>	<p>DEI: Creating a school wide focus through our professional development for the year, action steps based on work completed through 4th dimension. We just met with the DEI committee to begin the implementation of our school-wide focuses for this year. Priorities include training for staff re: Trauma informed practices, Affective language and non-violent communication, implementation of restorative practices in classroom instruction and discipline management, and training regarding the inclusive education model for Special Education.</p>	<p>Stakeholder communication updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Parent/Student Surveys will be conducted by Panorama Education with the first one scheduled for November of 2021. These anonymous surveys will focus on school culture, climate and safety. We will use this data to drive our future decision making. The first such survey will be distributed in the fall semester and the second one in the spring to monitor our progress toward goals set from the feedback we receive on the fall survey.

	<p>and 1st marking period closing Tuesday, November 2nd, the school proposes an asynchronous day for students to catch up on missing assignments before the marking period, a grading day for teachers, a day for and school operations and support to catch up. To support our families, Odyssey is offering FREE all day child care from 7:00am-6:00pm, with various structured activities being offered throughout the day. We hope that our staff and families can use the added flexibility as a time to recharge, refresh, and catch up.</p> <p>Odyssey Admin is also proposing another asynchronous day on March 18, 2022 at the end of the 3rd marking period, where catch up and recharge will be needed once again.</p> <p>Odyssey high school is also offering targeted Step-up days where the 8th graders come to the high school and experience classes and activities that our high schoolers enjoy in a full simulation. Teachers of the high school will be involved both for instruction and logistics. On these days, the students of the high school will have virtual college visits and college field trips to actual universities. As a college prep school, embedding college experiences is a necessary piece of exposing our students to some of the many opportunities available to our kids. The dates we are proposing include November 19, January 21, and March 9. These dates align with the opening and closing of choice windows, lotteries, and decision dates.</p>		
<p>Visual Branding</p>	<p>A major focus of our campaign this year is to improve the visual footprint of the school. You may have noticed tremendous efforts made to maintain all our flowerbeds, manicure our athletic facilities, place new</p>	<p>The athletic fields are being branded with our logo and block letters on the sidelines as a centerpiece of competitive sports. Our next step is to install the bleachers and scoreboard. Currently we are working through the logistics and will have them installed in the coming</p>	

	<p>signs outside buildings, reorganize lobbies and entryways, etc. We are also in the process of placing signage on all our school buildings to remove previous designations associated with prior occupants of the buildings.</p>	<p>months. The Parliament of Owls is starting to soar!!! GO OWLS GO!!</p>	
<p>Financial Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The annual financial statement and single audit were submitted to the State by the due date of October 1st. Odyssey had it's second straight year without any findings and improved in almost every bond covenant and State metric. ● Local Funding preloads from five districts were received during September. The preloads represent 35% of the payables owed from the District to each Charter School. The remaining districts are expected to roll in over the next month, followed by the final distribution after the completion of the unit count process. ● The September 30th Unit Count for OCS finalized at 1,988, 2 more than preliminarily budgeted. ● In aggregate, projected local funding decreased on a per-pupil-basis by approximately \$104, equating to a likely revenue projection decrease overall of \$198k in local revenue as the per-pupil budget was expected to be flat from FY2021. ● Transportation income and expenses will be adjusted in future projections as the routes we are 		

	<p>able to serve Red Clay and the routes that our contractor is able to provide are less than the preliminary budget amount. Billings on both sides are currently in progress.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To-date, \$423k of expenses have been coded to Federal funds out of the preliminary budgeted amount of \$1.96mill. As funding has recently become available, expense recodes will take place over the next few months. 		
<p>Transportation</p>	<p>We have hired 2 full time drivers since our last meeting. They run in Bus 11 and 4.</p> <p>The new Driver of Bus 4 has allowed us to take over First Student Bus 6 full time (which has been on time everyday since we hired her), and we are planning on taking over First Student 11 as soon as we have a bus driver to complete that route.</p> <p>Taking over First Student Bus 11 will complete all problematic routes, making all OCS students (K-12) on time in both the Morning and Afternoon.</p>	<p>Huge Shout out to Natalie Scott who has two boys here at OCS and persuaded her mom to come out of bus driver retirement and come drive for OCS. (She is the driver of bus 4)</p> <p>Natalie also put us in touch with one of her connections at Easterseals who has other CDL drivers. We are working on getting them onboard as we speak!</p> <p><u>Referrals is where all of our drivers or drivers training to get their CDL at OCS have come from!</u></p> <p>If you have a friend, neighbor or family member who might consider this rewarding job, please ask them to contact OCS's</p>	

	<p>Over the next few months we will continue to hire drivers and buy buses so our program always runs flawlessly.</p>	<p>Transportation Manager Evan Winokur, by phone or by e-mail.</p>	
<p>Student Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ELL <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New ELL Coordinator coming to us with a plethora of experience. Working in Delaware many years ago with the EL population and the past year has worked in DCPS as an instructional coach. Her expertise and background will be a huge asset to the team! Welcome to Dr. Laura Favatas! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MTSS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Problem Solving Team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Meet with all teams for each school and are beginning to implement in all schools to support students in Tier 2 and 3 interventions. ○ Working with the other charters and DOE to support with best practice in the new areas of support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Special Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prong Two of State Audit was 100%! All correction were made and were correct