

# Minutes for Public Meeting of the Odyssey Board of Directors

Date: June 22, 2022

Location: Odyssey Conference Room and Teleconference

Start Time: Public Meeting at 6:05 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), Paul Brooks (PB), Helen Anderson (HA), Eva Jannelli (EJ), Georgia Halakos (GH), Jessica Inskeep (JI), Kristin Tuner (KT)

# Agenda<sup>1</sup>

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance
- 3. Standard Order of Business
  - Previous minutes April presented
    - o Motion to Approve minutes as amended PB 1st and AA 2nd
      - Approved unanimously
  - Public Comments
    - None
  - Head of School Report Elias Pappas (from Greece)
    - Covid Update
      - Jump in the May to June cases across all three schools
      - Campus totals this year 867

#### Culture Focus

- o OCS Parent Camp event June 29, 84 registered already
- o Lower School reveal will be August 19th
- Starting updates on the Student Code of Conduct

## General Updates

- o Golf Outing June 17<sup>th</sup>, Raising funds to support athletics was a success
- Lower School Grand Opening Event in September to finance the move
- Used uniform sale July 20<sup>th</sup>. New vendors are open. Iron-on patches for non-branded polo's are coming too.
- Looking for parents for the new Parent Advisory Council. Teacher and Student Advisory Councils will also be formed.

# Lower School

- Kindergarten Graduation was fantastic
- Optional summer work has been sent out
- Reports cards will be sent home shortly
- o Preparing for the move to Building 26





### o Intermediate School

- o 5<sup>th</sup> grade wrapped up with a trip to Washington DC and graduation
- o 5th grade Honors invitations will be emailed
- o Report cards will be mailed home

### Middle School

- o Beautiful graduation ceremony and trip to Dorney Park for 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- o Four BPA students presented to County Exec Matt Meyer

## High School

- o Graduation at The Grand was memorable
- Largest Freshman class ever next year
- Odyssey Honors Academy will have 29 students from 8<sup>th</sup> grade taking high school classes and accelerating their learning
- Looking for hosts for foreign exchange students
- Student Council election results were presented for 2022-23

#### o Enrollment

- High school will welcome 60 new students to OCS
- o Freshman class with be more than 140 students

#### o Curriculum Instruction Assessment

- Placement assessments will take place this summer
- K-5 Reading Curriculum Pilot will begin this fall
- Budget requests and scheduling will be fine-tuned this summer
- Structuring professional development for next year
- AP testing scores will be published in July
- SBAC results will be released later in June
- District Testing Administrator is a new role created to address preparation, administration, and analyzing results of all standardized tests

## Transportation

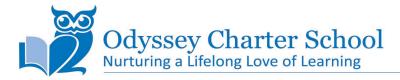
- Bus fleet on time in May 99.998%, June 100%
- Four new buses will be delivered by the end of July
- Tentative routes are online, which will be adjusted as the year begins

### Student Services

- New registrations are being screened for ELL services
- Summer Learning Leap begins July 12 August 4
- Special Ed Summer Program invitations have been sent out
- Reviewing schedules and training to support special ed students
- Hiring plans for 5 new secondary special ed teachers

## Information Technology

- Class room tech will be relocated to the new Lower School building
- Internal moves in are proceeding
- All MS Chromebooks have been collected and stored



#### Facilities

- o Planning list of moves from building 21 to 23
- o Building 27 is the staging space for the move
- Flag pole project for building 22 will begin
- Desks, chairs, tables, dry erase board, and everything has to move

#### Food Service

- This school year we served more meals than ever before.
- Look for meal benefit forms to be completed for next year

# Fundraising & Development

- Met on May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- o Received updated strategic plan
- Under The Stars mini gala for the cover costs around building 23
  - a. August 19<sup>th</sup> Parents and staff
  - b. September 10<sup>th</sup> Friends and sponsors
- o PTO brick campaign has been rolled out
- o Intermediate school will get the next flagpole installed
- Reviewing feasibility of OCS Health Fair fundraiser to offset expansion of our nursing staff needs and serve the community, possibly in March
- Annual Appeal will proceed
- First quarterly newsletter was published
- Corporate Sponsorship Appeal will soon be underway.
- Grant focus will be on the larger opportunities
- Little Green Light CRM system will be live soon

## Human Resources

- Recruiting us in full swing
- CBA contracts and non-CBA letters of intent to renew have been issued

#### Out of State Travel

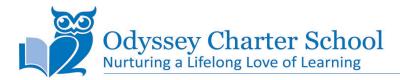
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# Safety and Security

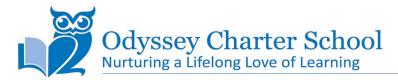
- Removal of all door stops
- Changing door profiles Staff will use front doors only. Food and IT will use side doors as needed
- Security film added to front doors to prevent entry when closed and locked
- o ALICE Training for all staff on September 16<sup>th</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup>

# Discussion

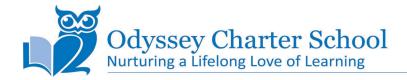
- o Council plans, frequency of meetings, interest options
- Jessica Inskeep October 6-10 to Barcelona EF Tours Training
- Doors will remain open for public meetings



- Financial Review Jeff Koss
  - Monthly finance report
    - o Final budget revenues of \$38,001,999, with 99.9% collected
    - Transportation costs have increased parts and fuel
    - o Covid Federal funds need to be spent by November 2024
  - o Motion to approve monthly budget report as presented. AA 1st and EA 2nd
    - Approved unanimously
- Greek Program Dr. Ioanna Lekkakou
  - o OCS Greek Immersion was accepted to the Delaware World Language Initiative
  - Starting 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Immersion, both honor and non-honors. Adding another immersion cohort in 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Expansion is both vertically and laterally.
  - Weekly Greek newsletter spread information about the successes, cultural event and cross-cultural events from K-12
  - o Continued our collaboration of 6-12 with the American College of Athens, The Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, and the American Farm School in Thessaloniki
- Citizens Budget Oversite Committee Evan Winokur
  - o Met this evening. No meeting again until September.
  - o Reviewed approved minutes, and reviewed financials just presented
  - Reviewed PCard transactions for May and June
  - Charge transaction count and amounts were presented
  - Looking for more parental involvement next school year
- 4. Committee Reports
  - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Eva
    - Appealing to the community to refill our food pantry
    - o Started conversations about GSA club in the middle school
  - Immersion Annamarie Anagnostou
    - No meeting since last month
    - o Thanks to Dr. Ioanna Lekkakou for fulfilling the role of acting head
  - Fundraising Georgia Halakos
    - Work has begun on the new building reveal galas
    - August 19<sup>th</sup> parents and staff
    - o September 10<sup>th</sup> larger upscale event for donors, friends, and sponsors
      - o Funds for lower school needs, including playground equipment
      - Leveraging development, AHEPA, Daughters, and community
      - o Goal is \$50-75k in the limited timeframe
  - Finance Committee Erin Allard
    - Detailed meeting covering the proposed budget for 2022-23
    - o Bond holder meeting next month



- Non-AHEPA Nominating Committee Paul Brooks
  - o Meeting June 21
  - o Renew Erin Allard and Eva Jannelli for another 3 years
  - Role swap
    - o Elias Rigas will become the Community Representative
    - Paul Brooks will become the Parent Representative
- PTO Report
  - None
- New Business
  - o Jeff Koss Presented the 2022-2023 Preliminary Annual Budget
    - o Enrollment increases to 2,143
    - Loss of revenue from Academia, rent and food service
    - o Athletic summer camps, pay-to-play, and golf outing income increase
    - o Pay-for-play will not prevent athletes from participating
    - Removing 1<sup>st</sup> Student as a regular bus route provider
    - Grant applications are being prepared for several large grants
    - o Travel items will return to pre-Covid levels
  - o Motion to approve the preliminary budget for school year 22-23 PB 1st and AA 2nd
    - Approved unanimously
  - AHEPA Nominating Committee
    - Helen Anderson and Georgia Halakos are renewed for another 3 years
- 5. Motion to move to Executive Session AA 1st and JI 2nd 8:15 PM
  - 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)
- 6. Return to Public Session 9:24 PM
  - Motion to approve what was discussed in Executive Session pending review. EA 1<sup>st</sup> and AA 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - Approved unanimously
  - Motion to approve out of state travel for Jessica Inskeep in October AA 1<sup>st</sup> and KP 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - Approved unanimously
- 7. Adjourn AA 1st and EJ 2nd
  - 9:26 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.

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