



	Date: 2/15/2023
Meeting: February 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 Aristeuin.

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	parent advisory council, walkthrough feedback and action steps
School Site Goal #2	Grant writing and updates
School Site Goal #3	Academic Updates
School Site Goal #4	Culture Focus: Survey results and next steps

<p>Goal 1:</p> <p>Parent Advisory Councils</p> <p>Walkthrough Feedback</p>	<p><u>Parent:</u> meeting scheduled for Feb 21. We planned the school preview day so invited families from the lottery and returning families can visit the school and get to know about the culture and programs. The date has been set for 03/02 from 4:30-6:30pm. Thank you to the council for organizing food, activities, and volunteering their time.</p> <p>The school is using walkthroughs to progress monitor major initiatives both in culture and in academics, specifically because culture of the classroom drives academic success.</p>	<p>. Academically the school is implementing systems that promote literacy in all grade levels and across all disciplines. We have adopted the mantra that “we all teach literacy”. Research indicates that when students are provided with consistent structures that promote mastery in reading, writing, and comprehension, students are able to become better critical thinkers and problem solvers. In reading, based on the testing data, we have identified target 2 (key ideas) as the area of focus in addition to analysis within and across texts, hence the need to promote cross curricular collaboration with respect to literacy. We are also promoting writing in all subjects as it is a more holistic approach to improving literacy.</p>	
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<p>Goal 2:</p> <p>Grant Submissions</p>	<p>We have applied for the HOPE Impact awards which could earn the school a \$20,000 award. We will keep you posted on our progress.</p>	<p>SSSIP: The Safe and Supportive Schools Improvement Grant provides support for schools in implementing multi-tiered supports for students, resources for curriculum and social, emotional and behavioral support systems.</p> <p>Odyssey was awarded \$51,946! This grant will be used to continue our work in restorative practices, resources associated with our tiered support system, and the perception surveys we now provide throughout our organization.</p>	<p>The OCS grant writing team is gathering data, architectural plans, and other related documents to submit applications to The Longwood Foundation and the Welfare Foundation in the spring 2023 cycle. Initial intake meetings have occurred for both.</p>
<p>Goal 3:</p>	<p>Academic Updates: Our schools are using end of semester data to help adjust instruction for semester 2. The schools are incorporating SBAC and SAT questions into curricula in order to support success on the upcoming high stakes assessments in May. Head of Schools is meeting with staff in all levels to discuss data trends. The first such meeting was with the middle school staff last week. The team will create goals to address preparation for SBAC/ SAT accordingly.</p>		

<p>Culture Focus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Executive Parent Council meeting took place on 1/31/23 with a focus on planning Preview Day, which will be held on 3.2.23 to provide families an opportunity to connect and check out all the programs OCS has to offer. Be sure to stay tuned for more information! ● Chat and Chews are still in full swing! Yesterday, we had another opportunity to hear some valuable feedback from OCS employees. We will continue to have staff from different departments come together to enlighten us on opportunities for growth and things we need to continue to do. ● Black History Month is being celebrated throughout our campus with different activities for our scholars to enjoy. OCS was able to partner with Christina Cultural Arts Center to provide our 3rd-5th grade scholars with an interactive experience and exposure to African dance and drums. We also had an assembly for our MS and HS student, and our LS scholars are using their creative skills to pay homage to African American inventors and trailblazers. ● Our next Books and Basketball event will be on 3.8.23 for our IS scholars! We look forward to having the Delaware Blue Coats come back to our campus to share their love of reading.. 	<p>In response to our perception data from Panorama, we have made sure to implement more culture events in the schools, which for this month include winter programs, and special events like senior events during the month of December, and our Black History Month assemblies. We will also be doing a “Carnival” celebration in late February.</p>	<p>Again, in response to Panorama data, we have implemented community circles in all classes to help build better relationships in our classes. We have also updated our tier 1 interventions to include these circles and strategies like 5x10 non-academic check-ins to help teachers better support the process.</p>
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<p>Building Level Updates</p>	<p>Overall Events Updates</p> <p>Lower School:</p> <p><u>Literacy Development:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our February Literacy Activity centers around a school-wide book study of <i>Somebody Loves You, Mr. Hatch</i>, with a culminating activity of a school-wide viewing of a puppet show of the same book. Thank you so much to the Sipple family for giving us access to this opportunity! • Blue Rocks Rocky Reading Challenge logs will be sent home for participation by any families who are interested. Thank you Ms. Barrera for organizing this event! • Thanks to former student Cooper Pedicone, a Story Walk display of both Greek and English stories will be installed on the grounds in front of the Lower School. <p><u>Student Behavior:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lower school has launched their <i>Hands To Ourselves</i> and <i>No Speeding</i> safety campaigns, supported by reminder slips and rewards. • Beginning in November, substitute staff were utilized to assist with behavior and instruction through the following roles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Classroom aides ○ Supplemental supervision during unstructured times (lunch/recess) 	<p>After school clubs: We are excited to announce the initiation of the Walking & Running Club! The Green Team will also be up and running soon. Be on the lookout for an after-school coding club as well!</p> <p>Intermediate School:</p> <p>It is that time of year where our 5th grade students in Delaware will take the Delaware School Survey through the University of Delaware.</p> <p>The survey must be completed by Thursday, 2/16/2023.</p> <p>Random Acts of Kindness Week: Links & Activities 2/13/2023 -2/17/2023</p> <p>Random Acts of Kindness Week. Staff will help us celebrate and recognize our students as they perform Random Acts of Kindness throughout the week.</p> <p>*You will receive raffle tickets to give to students who are caught performing a random act of kindness throughout the week. These tickets can be used to reward your own students as well as any students in the building who you witness being kind. You can be generous when giving out the tickets as we have a whole roll! No kindness is too small to reward! Students will write their full name and grade on the ticket and bring it to the office. On Friday 2/17, we will draw 3 winners (one from each grade) to receive a prize.</p> <p>*Homeroom teachers will also be receiving a pack of heart sticky notes. Please have each student in your homeroom fill out one heart with</p>	
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- Bathroom and hall monitors
- Support small-group academic intervention
- Staff the redirection room (behavior intervention)
- Staff a para position

Parent Engagement:

- Our first Admin Meet & Greet will be held on 2/21 from 4:30-5:15 PM in the LS Cafeteria. Parents can meet the Dean, Student Advisor, and Family Crisis Therapist to discuss behavior, instruction, and all aspects of the school day.
- All families are welcome to join us for Invited Students Preview Day from 4:30-6:30 PM on 3/2, for an interactive experience of our lower school program.
- We are beginning to plan Kindergarten graduation, which will take place on 6/5 at 5:30 PM at McKean High School. K students will be measured for cap and gowns during the month of February.

After School Activities:

- Green Team is starting on March 9th. Due to high interest, a lottery will be utilized.
- Green Team will be working on an interactive garden in our playground space that all students will participate in tending by grade-level.

a Random Act of Kindness that they could perform at school, at home or in their community. Please return the completed sticky notes to myself or Ms. Yang as soon as possible so we can use them to complete our RAK bulletin board located near the counselors' offices. The link below contains lists of RAK ideas, classroom lessons, bingo cards, coloring pages, etc.

If you need more raffle tickets (or did not receive them and would like to participate) please see Ms. P., Ms. Yang or Ms. Wright. Thank you in advance for your participation!

Middle School:

- SS DeSSa Exam today.
- Winter dance this Friday!
- Last week we had our first Immersion Q & A for incoming middle school parents.
- Preparations underway for upcoming Preview Day.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walking Running club will be starting up for the spring session. Be on the lookout for information. 		
HS Updates	<p>HS</p> <p>HS Students participated this week in a Black History Month presentation at the Grail. Students are having a busy month, with the 3rd marking period settling in and many student activities, CTSO competitions, and field trips happening now!</p> <p>College acceptances are rolling in, including 90+ total acceptances to more than 50 different schools in 19 different states.</p> <p>Seniors have reported merit-based aid in excess of 1.6 million dollars so far this year!</p>	<p>School Choice - HS</p> <p>Our choice window remains open, and students can apply to join us at OCHS on SchoolChoiceDE.org! We are looking forward to welcoming our students at OCS Preview Night on Thursday, March 2nd!</p> <p>OCHS has added a number of courses for students in the upcoming year, and we are looking forward to seeing students enrolled in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AP Precalculus - AP Chemistry - University of Delaware EntreX Lab - K-12 Teacher Academy (CTE Program) - Digital Communications (CTE Program) - Work-Based Learning 	<p>Recognitions - HS</p> <p>The HS would like to recognize the following accomplishments this month:</p> <p>Congratulations to OCHS teacher, Sani Chalima! Ms. Chalima’s Computer Science pathway contains both AP Computer Science A and AP Computer Science Principles. Both of these courses were recognized recently by the CollegeBoard for the 2022 AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award.</p> <p>Congratulations to OCHS teacher, Melissa Tracy, for being named a finalist in the Superstars in Education Award! If selected, this will be Odyssey’s first win of the Superstars in Education Award.</p>

<p>We hear you!</p> <p>Responses to Parent Feedback</p>	<p>We are working on updating the paving in the traffic lane between middle and intermediate school. We hope to have repairs completed shortly.</p>	<p>We have created seasonal events calendars to supplement the Weekly communications so families across schools are aware of the exciting happenings across our schools!</p>	
<p>CIA</p>	<p><u>Curriculum</u></p> <p>HB 198</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per the legislation, the Department of Education has submitted the statewide HB 198 report for the 2022-2023 school year to the Governor, members of the General Assembly, and the Director of the Division of Research. The report is now a matter of public record and is available on the DDOE website. You can access the report on the DDOE website here: Educational Data Reports. If you have any questions about where we are, what we are working 	<p><u>Instruction</u></p> <p>Coaching</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The CIA team is continuing to work with teachers in different capacities. Coaching includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observations Planning Classroom Management Assessments Best Practices Additional Supports 	<p><u>Assessment</u></p> <p>District Testing Administrator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter Benchmarks are complete! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Results from STAR, Dibels, & Aimsweb DeSSA SS 4th, 6th, and 8th starting next week SATs on the horizon in March Benchmark/Assessment Calendar for the remainder of the year DTGSS training is underway for administrators to prepare for the roll-out in school year 23-24

	<p>on, and where we are going, feel free to email Juliana Sheehan at juliana.sheehan@odyssey.k12.de.us</p>		
Financial Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The State has completed their mid-year unit count processes and reconciliations are underway. The associate information from the State should be provided before the end of February to guide the Final Budget process.• Thank you to the OCS PTO for fundraising for the newly installed campus entry checkpoint station as well as agreeing to take over the vending machines on campus!• The classroom expansion projects in the Lower and High School have begun and are expected to be fully funded through the Enhanced MCI funds provided by the State.• Viable financing options for upcoming capital project items in the exploration process. Local banks and CFDI firms are providing options that align with the School's current debt timeline.• FY2023 Final Budget creation is in progress and intended to be presented at the March OCS Board Meeting (and Finance Committee prior to that) for approval.• Preliminary planning for next school year have begun as over 1,100 students have applied through the		

	<p>choice system to OCS. 108 students accepted their invitation within the 1st week. Contact from OCS to all invited and accepted students has been commenced, culminating with the March 2nd Preview Day on campus.</p>		
<p>Transportation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our fleet ran at 100% on time for all buses K-12 in January. . We ran 1044 total school routes in January just for OCS, in grades K-12. • If you know someone who wants to be a bus aide, please have them contact the transportation office. We are HIRING! 	<p>Transportation Monthly Dashboard: January is on the website.</p>	
<p>Student Services</p>	<p>ELL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ACCESS testing window opens 2/1 and runs through 3/17. Our team is preparing to complete 1,200 tests during this time in Listening, Reading, Writing and Speaking. A tentative schedule can be found here. • OCS is being represented on the DDOE Multilingual Learner (ML) Steering Committee. This committee will revise the current Delaware strategic plan for English Learners. 	<p>MTSS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle of Year Benchmarking is complete and Data Discussions were held at the K-5 PLCs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ K-3 DIBELS Assessments ○ 1-5 Star Math ○ 2-5 Star Reading • MTSS Winter Cycle beginning February 6,2023- student groups are flexible and will change as new data is available. If parents have specific questions about their students intervention please touch base with their homeroom teacher and the School Dean • Addition of a new K-3 reading Reviewing our MTSS structure to better support students to remain in school through classroom management, and 	<p>Special Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are beginning to look at our numbers for the upcoming year to identify what additional staff may be needed to support our special education students. • Received compliance letters from DDOE for previous school data. Areas found in Compliance are so far <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ind13- Transition ○ Disproportionality ○ Over representation ○ Timely evaluation

		restorative practices as title 14 outlines in support of decreased out of school suspension. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LS will take part in a meeting with DDOE on how to support MTSS as whole looking and all areas of need 	
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IT	<p>Completed Digital signage on 1st floor Intermediate school and 2nd floor middle school. .</p> <p>completed Data connection to new Guard shack. Guard shack phone number is EXT 540</p> <p>Starting fiscal 23-24 budgeting process and capacity planning.</p>		
Facilities	<p>HVAC</p> <p>Staff</p> <p>Main Entrance improvements - HS</p> <p>HS Building Elevator Project</p> <p>Lower School Classroom Additions</p> <p>Flag poles - HS Building</p>	<p>All units up and operational.</p> <p>All staff in place. 12 employees and 2 temp agency employees</p> <p>Working with the architect on the new main entrance for the HS building.</p> <p>Going through the architect selection process for a new elevator for the HS building.</p> <p>Working on the demo 2nd floor for the addition of 3 classrooms.</p> <p>Two flag poles were erected on the median in front of the HS building by facilities.</p>	

	Flooring - Fine Arts, Middle and Lower School	Sent RFP out to five flooring contractors for proposals on new flooring	
Food Service	<p>Thank you to all the families that have filled out a meal benefit form. If you have not done so, please fill one out as soon as possible and submit it to us for processing. The forms can be found on our website under the food service tab. Forward all completed applications to Kim Wolanski. Also, please note that a new form is required every year. Forms DO NOT carry over from year to year. Also, any balances that your child had pre-Covid is still owed to the school. You can check the account online at myschoolaccount.com. Money in parenthesis is a negative balance. Any questions please do not hesitate contact me - kim.wolanski@odyssey.k12.de.us</p>		

**Fundraising/
Development**

- OCS Annual Appeal update – the Annual Appeal copy has been created. The Campaign would be supported with a corresponding Social Media Campaign.
- We have begun solicitation on our Targeted Health Fair Partners; using partners appeal content created for this engagement. We should be in a position to share our initial partners with next month's report.
- Our DoMore24 campaign is aligned with Preview day and we have create a QR code and flyers to promote donating to our school during Preview Day

Human Resources	<p>Recruiting Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On campus recruiting event moved to 3/2/2023 with preview date-volunteers to great guests and man tables needed. ● Odyssey will be attending several external recruiting fairs in March and April in Middletown and surrounding areas. <p>2023-2024 HR planning commenced first week of January:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Stay interviews being conducted ● Positions being posted 		
Safety and Security	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Campus Entry Checkpoint structure is on campus and is occupied daily from 9:00am - 1:45pm. THANK YOU PTO! Thank you parents for all of your support! 2. Car tags available in your building level front office or at the front gate entry checkpoint. 3. All OCS employees have been through ALICE Training. 	Click here for entry checkpoint description and details.	
Board Approvals	<p>Out of State Trips for Board Approval:</p> <p>3 HS Students - 2023 Hellenic History Tournament, Cherry Hill NJ, Feb 18th</p> <p>High School Art - National Gallery of Art on April 25th, Washington DC</p>		

	<p>Previously approved but now with exact dates - the Senior Class Trip to Camelback Mountain, PA. Students will leave on Friday, March 31st and return on Sunday, April 2nd.</p> <p>HS Dorney Park Trip - tentative date Monday, June 5th.</p> <p>HS Band to "Music in the Parks" Day at Six Flags Great Adventure - New Jersey - May 26th, 2023</p> <p>HS - Food Studies Pathway April 5, 2023 Delaware Valley University Ag Program 700 E Butler Ave, Doylestown, PA. 18901</p> <p>HS - Computer Science Pathway May 16, 2023 National Security Agency (NSA) 8290 Colony Seven Rd., Annapolis Junction, Maryland 20701</p> <p>HS - BPA Nationals April 26-30th, 2023 Anaheim, CA</p> <p>Greek Independence Day parade All levels: April 2nd in Philadelphia. Buses will be utilized for transport</p> <p>5th Grade Field Trip Washington DC May 31st, 2023</p>		
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